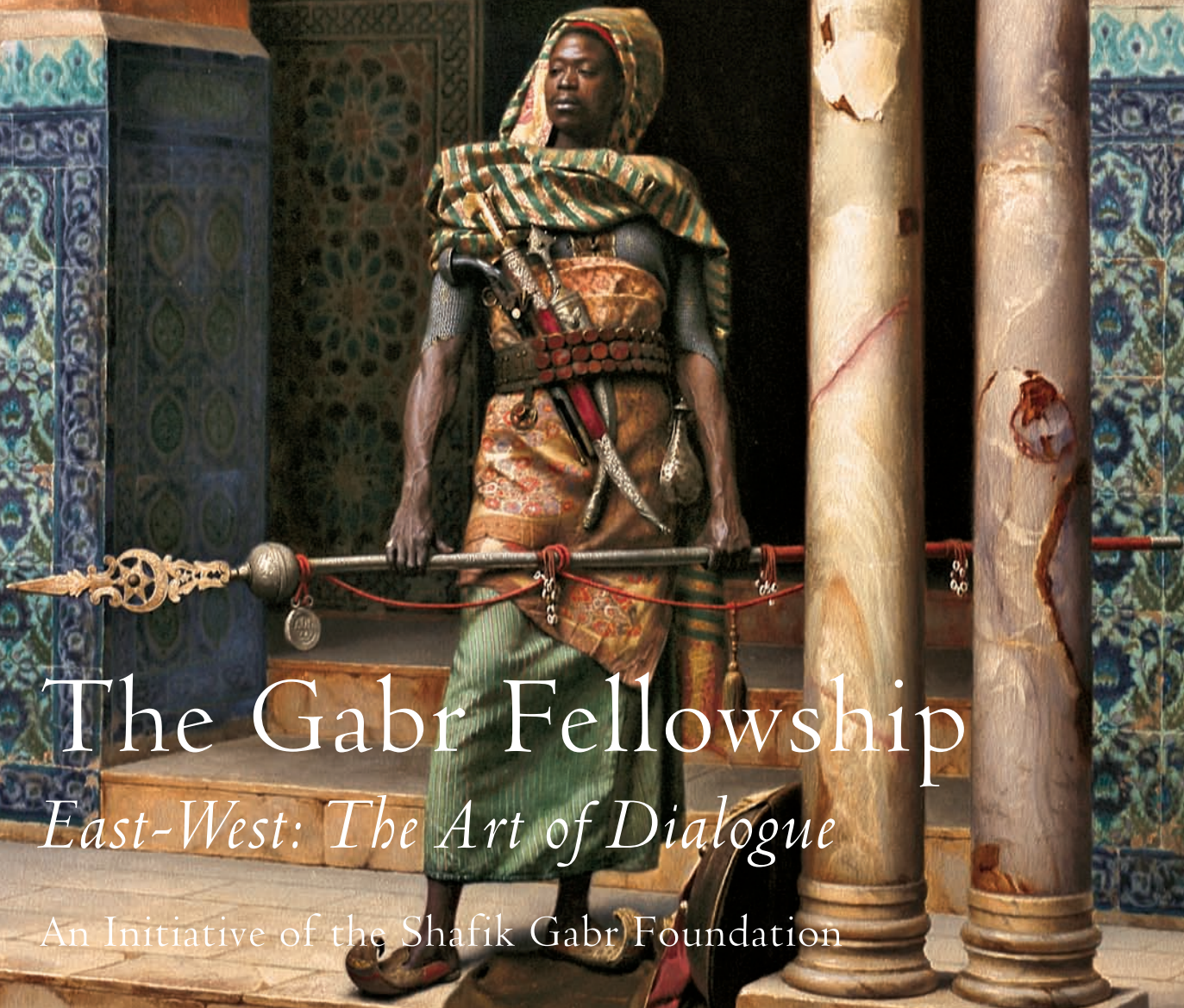




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# The Gabr Fellowship

*East-West: The Art of Dialogue*

An Initiative of the Shafik Gabr Foundation

2014 Program



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# Introduction by Shafik Gabr

The goal of The Shafik Gabr Foundations, in both the US and Egypt, is to create a platform through which citizens can play a meaningful role in enhancing their futures; and while this clearly involves maximizing the use of technology, it also necessitates availing ourselves of the first and most important of man's inventions: communication.

Growing access to electronic and social media has spurred the notion that today's young adults are "global citizens", familiar with the cultures and issues of their compatriots around the world. But in reality, direct unmediated interaction between the Arab world and the West remains largely confined to elites of business and government with most citizens relying on mass media to understand the world and its diverse populations. The notion that this offers any real context for deeper mutual understanding has proven false in region after region. In fact, stereotypes are becoming more pervasive, while suspicion, miscommunication, tensions, and conflicts continue to grow.



The Gabr Fellowship and other initiatives of the East West: The Art of Dialogue provide a way to bridge these gaps in understanding in an immediate and tangible way. We are not only creating a new platform for young professionals to meet each other and experience first-hand the best - and sometimes the more challenging - aspects of Eastern and Western culture. We are also providing a unique opportunity for Egyptian and American Fellows to identify issues, brainstorm ideas, assess needs and potential, plus implement innovative, real-world solutions.

From empowering the entrepreneurial spirit in young women, to establishing networks of micro-clinics, and creating digital communication portals and hubs, small cohorts of 4-5 Fellows are accomplishing what national governments and international corporations often attempt to do: they are closing the divide between regions; creating workable, sustainable model programs; improving their societies; and stemming the erosion of public understanding.

The Gabr Fellowship has engaged some of the most accomplished and creative minds of this generation. As politicians on both sides of the Atlantic struggle to deal with new realities at home and on the global stage, these Fellows are able to explore options unrestrained by political protocols or partisan priorities. They are melding their skills and experience with new visions and pioneering solutions that utilize the most innovative technologies, as well as the most basic element of success: human interaction. Through their participation and their projects, these Fellows are sowing the seeds of community and cooperation that promise to change our worldview, our economies, and our future.

Shafik Gabr

Founder, The Shafik Gabr Foundation

# The Initiative

The Shafik Gabr Foundation's East West Dialogue Initiative was launched in London, Washington D.C. and New York in November and December 2012. Diplomats and royalty, policy makers and media luminaries, business leaders, civil society representation, academics, young emerging leaders and visionaries attended each event, united in their desire to recognize a program that would overtake the cultural hurdles that have long impacted East-West relations. For details about the launch events please visit [www.EastWestdialogue.org/videos](http://www.EastWestdialogue.org/videos).

By the following spring, 20 Gabr Fellows had been selected from the United States and Egypt. They represented the very best of their generation – professionals who have launched NGOs, created award winning scientific platforms, and designed innovative buildings and facilities around the world. Some have dedicated their careers to civic service, others to global health causes, and yet others are advancing community and economic development through the arts. Through this program, they committed to join forces to develop and implement six projects that would address critical issues in one or both countries, while creating spaces for cooperative engagement and sustainable networking.

The Gabr Fellowship is now in its second year with the 2014 class of Gabr Fellows having successfully completed the US and Egypt travel exchange of the portion of the program. The Fellows continue to communicate with one another and work together to develop their action projects.

Both the 2013 and the 2014 Gabr Fellows classes consisted of 10 American and 10 Egyptian participants, half men and half women. They travel and live together during a four-week program, spending two weeks in Egypt and two weeks in the United States. During their journey they have the opportunity to meet with renowned figures in politics, business, civil society, entrepreneurs, governance, art, law and media to discuss the challenges facing their societies and the obstacles to international cooperation. They learn and experience each other's cultures, religions, values, and issues. These experiences are meant to enhance their understanding of each other's diverse cultures, traditions, politics, religion and much more.

The exchanges do more than introduce new societies, they alter the very perceptions that have been fabricated by decades, even centuries of misinformation. They provide the opportunity for frank discussions about the real issues impacting both regions and forge alliances between leaders of the generation to which the gauntlet of cooperative alliances has been passed. They also highlight all that has shaped each region's culture and outlook, the good events and the bad, and create opportunities to devise solutions that draw from, rather than relive, the past.

The Gabr fellowship participants have acquired a greater understanding of both Egypt and the United States and the challenges faced by each and both. Having served as cultural as well as linguistic entrepreneurs for each other they now return to their homes to play the role of diplomat introducing Egyptians and Americans to a people, a culture, and a future never before explored in this way. Together, through their cooperation and their projects, they are creating the legacy of the Gabr Fellowship: international cohort dedicated to pursuing cooperative, collective solutions to their regions' most pressing issues. The initiative plans to scale the size of Fellows and engage more nationalities from the East and the West.

# The Foundations

The Gabr Fellowship - part of the East-West: The Art of Dialogue is an initiative of The Shafik Gabr Foundation designed to promote intercultural dialogue and collaboration between young and emerging leaders from Egypt and America with a vision to expand and incorporate Fellows from more countries from the East and the West. The Fellowship, now in its second year, is fully sponsored by The Shafik Gabr Foundation. The Shafik Gabr Foundation facilitates meaningful exchanges among young professionals from the U.S., Europe, and the MENA region, creating cross-cultural dialogues and professional networks that are essential for peace and progress. With backgrounds from science, law, and media to entrepreneurship and the arts, the Gabr Fellows will identify new areas for cooperation and develop projects that will enhance community, civic, and economic development in both the East and West. The Shafik Gabr Foundation is committed to play a role in opening new channels for communication and development, and finding opportunity and growth between the next generation of East and West leaders. The Foundation not only develops and implements the exchanges but provides fifty percent of the funding of the collaboration projects between the Fellows which covers a wide spectrum of objectives.

**The Shafik Gabr Foundation's (U.S.)** mission is to promote greater mutual understanding between the people of the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas by fostering dialogue and the exchange of ideas. Established in 2012 in response to the erosion of sympathy and understanding between the Arab world and the West, the Foundation sponsors exchanges between emerging and entrepreneurial leaders in the arts and sciences, law, entrepreneurship and media. The Fellows work jointly together to leverage their experience and launch projects that impact their peers and communities. The Foundation works in partnership with other charitable organizations, corporations, and individuals to renew and strengthen ties that have bound together Eastern and Western nations over many centuries. In the United States, the Foundation also supports epilepsy research, children with cerebral palsy, educational sponsorships, and special projects.

**The Mohamed Shafik Gabr Foundation for Social Development (Egypt)**, the Gabr family foundation in Egypt has several initiatives underway. Major initiatives in education from improving elementary school education, to higher education and to sponsoring university graduates for post graduate studies abroad in the U.S. and Asia. Moreover, the Foundation has extensive work in the health area and is launching the first free clinic after treating over 80,000 patients during the period 2006 to 2013. The Foundation also has several initiatives in the area of sports, human trafficking, training and culture.





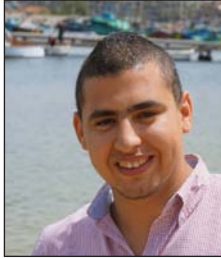


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# 2014 Gabr Fellows & Foundation Ambassadors Biographies

# 2014 Gabr Fellows Biographies

## Egyptian Fellows



### Ahmed EL-Assal

*Regional Programs Officer at the Academy for International Development - (AID-ME)*

Ahmed El Assal is regional programs officer at the Academy for International Development - Middle East (AID-ME) with 6 years of community development experience in the MENA Region. In addition to being a graduate from the Faculty of Business Administration of Helwan University, he is studying for his Masters degree in International Business Administration. As part of the Steering committee for the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) - Egypt Chapter as well as a member of the Arab Federation for Youth and Civic Participation (AFYCP), Ahmed's passion for social, cultural, and political change is never far from his thoughts.



### Zeyad El-kelani

*Political science teaching assistant at Cairo University*

Zeyad Elkelani is political science teaching assistant at Cairo University and CMEPS MA candidate at American University-Cairo and Tübingen University, Germany. He serves as vice-president of the Political Science Graduate Student Association, research assistant to the chair of political science, and was junior instructor at Education Abroad Program at AMIDEAST. He earned a BA in political science/minor in public administration before securing tenured professorship at Cairo University. Zayed was a research assistant at the Future Studies Unit at Bibliotheca Alexandrina, organized the Arab Turkish Congress on Social Sciences, and studied at Moscow State Institute of International Relations and in Berlin.



### Ahmed El-Naggar

*Site Planner, Ministry of State for Antiquities Affairs*

Ahmed graduated from Benha University in 2008, majoring in Public Civil Engineering. Following one year in the private sector, he joined the Ministry of State for Antiquities Affairs in 2009. For the past 5 years, Ahmed has engaged in cultural heritage development projects in Giza Plateau and Saqqara Archeological site. Similarly, he has taken part in field projects in Zimbabwe and the Republic of Mauritius. Currently, he contributes to founding a new NGO, "Kwame Nkrumah Organization for African Culture," concerned with promoting African culture in Egypt. Ahmed is a master's candidate in Cultural Heritage Management at Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University.

# 2014 Gabr Fellows Biographies

## Egyptian Fellows



### Shehab Farouk

*Senior Lawyer, Sharkawi Law Office - Egypt, L.L.B , L.L.M , PhD Candidate*

Shehab Farouk is a senior lawyer since 2009 at El Sharkawi Law Office. He earned his LL.B and LL.M from Faculty of Law - Cairo University. Currently, he's a PhD candidate in Commercial Law. He has memberships & certificates relating to International Commercial Contracts & Arbitration from international institutions ( e.g. ICC - Paris , LCIA - London , CRCICA – Cairo ). Shehab is an instructor with the American Bar Association- Role of Law Initiative, teaching Contract Drafting and International Arbitration for the Young Egyptian Lawyers & Judges. Shehab was born in Alexandria , Egypt.



### Yasmin Galal

*Social Activist and Media Producer*

Yasmin is a social activist and media producer with 5 years of professional and volunteer experience in civil society organizations and social enterprises, including The Alliance for Arab Women, Injaz Egypt and Bamyam Media; working mainly on issues related to youth, education, gender and entrepreneurship. Yasmin holds a Masters degree in International Law from the University of Westminster in London, and a Bachelor of Political Science from Cairo University.



### Dina Gamal

*Corporate Lawyer, Azmi & Associates*

Dina Gamal was born in 1990 in Cairo, Egypt. She has received her Bachelor degree in law from Cairo university. She is currently working as a corporate lawyer in a reputable law firm located in Cairo. In her current job, she deals with well-known clients from all over the world. She is a social activist in the field of helping the Syrian families who moved to Egypt after the Syria crisis. Her hobbies are drawing, reading and photography.

# 2014 Gabr Fellows Biographies

## Egyptian Fellows



### Nancy Habib

*Editorial Secretary, "Al-Tahrir" newspaper*

Nancy earned a BA at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science and completed pre-masters work. Nancy started in 2004 at the website Boswtol, a youth electronic magazine as head of the political department and editorial secretary. In 2006, she entered print journalism at Al-Dostor newspaper. In 2009, Nancy left Boswtol to become managing editor of Al-Dostor Al-Asly website. In 2011, she joined Al-Tahrir newspaper as editor secretary. Nancy released the book, I Love Cinema in 2009 and co-edited The Book of Al-Dostor. Nancy joined Journalists Syndicate in 2010 as the first female editorial secretary in a daily newspaper.



### Ahmed Naguib

*Digital painter, Freelancer*

Ahmed Naguib is an Egyptian artist who developed his digital painting skills over years of self-learning. He is currently a freelance digital painter and graphic designer besides his work at Cairo International Airport as a quality control inspector at Cairo Airport Company (CAC). He uses a physics-dependent way in making high quality realistic paintings. He also has his own online portfolio with very good reviews from artists. Ahmed obtained his bachelor's degree in computer science from El Shorouk Academy in Egypt.



### Nourhan Nehady Moussa

*Attorney at Law*

Nourhan is a property contract controller for a multinational telecommunications company. She holds a master's degree in international legal and commercial transactions and is pursuing a PhD in Cybercrime at AWU. Nourhan is an instructor with the ABA and part-time Teacher Assistant in the AASTT. She is an attorney with an LL.B from Alexandria University and an active volunteer in an ASCML association. Nourhan researches international arbitration, mediation, intellectual property, and cybercrime. With yoga, meditation, and listening to music, she seeks to reach an inner balance of compromise between family, friends, herself, and her relation to God.

# 2014 Gabr Fellows Biographies

## American Fellows



### Jeremiah J. Bowden

*PhD student in Secular Studies and Religion, Claremont Graduate University*

Jeremiah J. Bowden is a Ph.D. student at Claremont Graduate University in a new interdisciplinary degree in Secular Studies and Religion. He earned an M.A. in Theology from Marquette University and a B.A. in Philosophy and Religious Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. Jeremiah has served as the assistant to the director at the Center for Global Peacebuilding at Claremont Lincoln University and as a member of the editorial board for the Claremont Journal of Religion. Born in a small farming community in Wisconsin, Jeremiah now resides in California with his wife Alysson and their son Gabriel.



### Chase Bowman

*Artist*

Chase Bowman, the son of coal miners, was raised in Matoaka, West Virginia. He did his undergraduate work at The Cleveland Institute of Art, The San Francisco Art Institute, and Marshall University. Chase was awarded an exchange residency at The University of Oxford's Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art. In 2014, he received his MFA from the Columbus College of Art & Design. Chase's current body of work, Radioactive Dog-Faced Boy, is a series of paper sculptures investigating dehumanization, human frailty, and Appalachia's unembarrassed culture by transforming them into Cold War-era comic book and horror movie-inspired adventures.



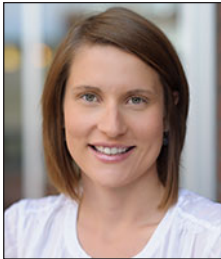
### Stephanie Cate

*Executive Director, The Batonga Foundation*

Stephanie S. Cate is the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization that aims to expand economic and educational opportunities for women and girls in Sub-Saharan Africa. She has been recognized by the National Society for Collegiate Scholars and American University for her leadership and has been selected for fellowships at the Atlantic Council and National Council for Research on Women. Stephanie also serves as the CGI U Women and Girls Commitment Mentor for the Clinton Global Initiative. Stephanie is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and earned a Master's Degree from American University's School of International Service.

# 2014 Gabr Fellows Biographies

## American Fellows



### Sarah Derdowski

*Director of Operations, Global Energy Management Program University of Colorado Denver Business School*

Sarah is the Director of Operations for the Global Energy Management Program at the University of Colorado Denver Business School. Prior to the University she worked with the Canadian Consulate and interned with the UNFPA in Sarajevo, Bosnia . Derdowski received her MA in International Administration from the University of Denver and her BA in International Relations from Wesleyan College. Sarah is originally from Savannah, Georgia, however, she has made Denver, Colorado her home.



### Michael Goff

*Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Vanderbilt University*

Michael Goff is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Vanderbilt University. He earned his doctorate from the University of Washington, Seattle in 2010 and has published nine papers in the area of discrete mathematics. Michael has taught mathematics for ten years and likes to volunteer by teaching and tutoring math to students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Michael also volunteers for political and civic causes and served as the Advocacy Chair for the Cordell Hull Chapter of the United Nations Association. He lives in downtown Nashville, Tennessee and grew up in the Pacific Northwest.



### Nathan Thomas

*Educational Programs Associate, William J. Clinton Foundation*

Nathan is an educational programs associate at the Clinton Foundation. He was a Thomas J. Watson Fellow in Australia, Finland, South Africa, and India. Nathan serves on the steering committee of Create Little Rock, the young professional division of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce. Nathan received his B.A. in Anthropology & Sociology from Hendrix College as an Odyssey Scholar in Education through his work with the “Above the Line” project which studied third graders in Forrest City, Arkansas, to prove a roadmap for improving test scores in struggling school districts. Nathan grew up in Virginia and Arkansas.

# 2014 Gabr Fellows Biographies

## American Fellows



### Elizabeth (Liz) Trapp

Art Critic, and Art History Instructor, Columbus College of Art and Design

Liz Trapp found her passion for art history in Pont-Aven, France during a post-baccalaureate program in painting. Liz has studied in the UK and traveled to South Africa. She teaches Contemporary Art History at Columbus College of Art and Design and works as a freelance art critic for The Columbus Dispatch, publishing exhibition reviews. After studying Postwar European and American Art in graduate school, Liz is interested in Contemporary Art in the Middle East, particularly produced by women. She holds her BFA in painting, MA in the history of art, and MFA in painting. Liz is a Rochester, NY native.



### Erika Witt

Graduate Student, Museum Studies, Southern University at New Orleans

Erika is a graduate student in Museum Studies at Southern University at New Orleans, focused on the arts of Africa and the African diaspora, with interest in Egyptian visual expressions from the pre-pharaonic times to the present. Erika has conceived and developed numerous exhibitions of art and history at the New Orleans Public Library, McKenna Museum of African American Art, Southern University at New Orleans, and the Andrew Johnson Museum and Library. Erika graduated with her Bachelor degree in Museum Studies with a concentration in History from Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee. She was born and raised in Roanoke, Virginia.



### Suzanne Youngner

Teacher, English as a Second Language

Suzanne Youngner lives in her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, where she teaches English as a Second Language to academic-bound foreign students. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in English Language and Literature and recently received her CELTA certification in Seattle, Washington. She has worked with refugee populations in her area and strives to create a community for them after their resettlement. Her work abroad focuses on Palestinians living in refugee camps in Lebanon.

# Foundation Ambassadors Biographies



## Mohammed Mubarak

*Design Manager - Tenders Consulting*

Mohammed was chosen as an Egyptian Ambassador for his deep commitment, willingness to invest time and experience in promoting the 2014 Fellowship. He is a genuine believer in the fellowship's objectives.

As an architect with great passion for design, Mohammed Mubarak holds a Bsc in Architectural Design and Urban Planning from Helwan University, Egypt. He has also completed a Master of Design at Cardiff School of Art and Design, Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK. In addition to working as an architectural design studio tutor, he has been involved in different design creative fields for nearly five years. Through years of experience and study, his career has spanned to a broad range of disciplines, including interior design, graphic design, product design, exhibition design and design research. Within almost 6 years, he successfully completed projects within residential, commercial, hospitality and retail industries in Middle Eastern, African and GCC countries. His motivation for design stems from his belief that design is about the sensory needs of people as well as their material needs. Therefore, in his work, Mohammed always embraces a people-centered design approach and tries to deliver impressions that evoke emotions and life. He was born in Kuwait and raised in Cairo, Egypt.



## Daniel (Dan) Sullivan

*Regional Representative United Nations Association Steering Committee*

Dan was chosen as an American Ambassador for the Foundation for his passion, experience, and organizational astuteness. His efforts to make the 2014 fellowship successful have been recognized by his peers.

Daniel Sullivan served for over a decade as Aide to the Dean of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He serves as Regional Representative to the United Nations Association Steering Committee and as North American Representative to the Youth Advisory Board of UN-HABITAT. Daniel is a Truman National Security Project Partner, Fellow of the New Leaders Council, and volunteer at the Clinton Global Initiative. He received his ALB in Government from Harvard University Extension School, a certificate in Health and Human Rights from the Harvard School of Public Health, and is graduate of the Leadership for Change program at the Winston Center on Leadership & Ethics at Boston College. He is an Education Policy Fellow, Henry Toll Fellow, American Delegate to Young Turkey/Young America, and a Pundit at [policymic.com](http://policymic.com). He hails from Plympton, Massachusetts.





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# 2014 Gabr Fellowship Projects

# Center for Global Citizenship

Team: Jeremiah Bowden, Sarah Derdowski, Zeyad El-Kelani

## Project Duration:

09/01/2014 to 09/01/2015 (Pilot)

## Population Served:

Egyptians and Americans

## Constituents:

Academics, students, religious leaders

## Geographic Area Served:

Egypt & U.S.A.



## Background and Overview

“If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective.” Martin Luther King Jr.

## Problem Statement

Exclusionary politics based upon nationalistic, ideological, and class antagonism continues to be an impetus for radicalization and violent outbursts across the globe. From post Arab Spring, identity-based political contentions in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) to Tea Party archetype Cliven Bundy's armed stand-off with the Bureau of Land Management in Nevada. These flare-ups are not localized to any one region and bridging these ideological divides is vital to quelling the fear and misperceptions that so often provide fuel for the fire. In our modern interconnected world, each society has a vested interest in alleviating the problems facing humanity wherever they loom. Whether it be extreme income inequality, journalistic freedom and the role of censorship, the instantiation of human rights, free and open elections, or the protection of religious liberty. There will be no peace until humankind comes to the realization that every life is intrinsically valuable and endowed with universally indelible rights. The only way for this change to come about is through the formation of global citizens whose identity is informed by a worldview that transcends the barriers that so commonly divide us.

## Project Goal

The Center for Global Citizenship intends to accomplish this task by offering students and lay persons an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum that explores the pressing issues of our time from multiple perspectives. Employing a holistic approach to education that incorporates the fields of religious studies, art and media, the social sciences, international relations, conflict resolution, and strategic planning will provide future world leaders with a new paradigm for understanding the complex nature of the challenges that encompass each of our lives, hence influencing policy makers and public opinion worldwide. Collaborative student and faculty exchanges between the flagship institutions in Egypt and the United States will provide the framework for future institutional relationships across the globe. Our hope is that these exchanges will eventually lead to joint degree programs based within the center that will prepare individuals to participate in careers within the public sector, think tanks, the media, or as social entrepreneurs.

## Project Activities

- The Center for Global Citizenship intends to accomplish this task by offering students and lay persons an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum that explores the pressing issues of our time from multiple perspectives.
- Taking a holistic approach to education that incorporates the interconnections between the fields of religious studies, art and media, the social sciences, international relations, conflict resolution, and strategic planning will provide future world leaders with a new paradigm for understanding the complex nature of the challenges that encompass each of our lives.
- The conference will examine the effectiveness of various forms of societal dialogue from the perspectives of public diplomacy, person-to-person relationship building, think tanks, interfaith coalitions, cultural exchanges, and mutually beneficial national security programs.

## Expected Outcomes in Year One of Implementation

The Center for Global Citizenship will launch its initiative with a conference on global discourse, which is tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2015.

## Sustainability Plan

The conference will examine the effectiveness of various forms of societal dialogue from the perspectives of low politics, public diplomacy, person-to-person relationship building, think tanks, interfaith coalitions, cultural exchanges, and mutually beneficial national security programs. The conference aims to be interactive and with the assistance of live streaming, tweeting, and impromptu interviews, will investigate the extent to which the views of academicians are reflected in the opinions of people on the street. In an attempt to convey the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to subject matter, the conference will be followed by an art exhibition that explores the interconnection of art and politics from communities across the globe.

## Implementing Partners

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the directors at [jeremiah.bowden@cgu.edu](mailto:jeremiah.bowden@cgu.edu), [zelkelani@aucegypt.edu](mailto:zelkelani@aucegypt.edu) or [sdushame@gmail.com](mailto:sdushame@gmail.com)

## Conclusion

There will be no peace until humankind comes to the realization that every life is intrinsically valuable and endowed with universally indelible rights. The only way for this change to come about is through the formation of global citizens whose identity is informed by a worldview that transcends the barriers that so commonly divide us.



# The Creative Hub

Team: Yasmin Galal, Elizabeth Trapp, Suzanne Youngner

## Project Duration:

July 2014 – July 2016

## Population Served:

Egyptian and American university students

## Constituents:

Academics, students, religious leaders

## Geographic Area Served:

Egypt & U.S.A.



*Creating connections between Egyptian and American university students through online media*

## Background and Overview

According to UN statistics, almost half the world's population is under the age of 25, nearly 40% of which live on less than two dollars a day. However, by the end of 2013, mobile-cellular subscriptions reached a penetration of 89% in developing countries. Internet user statistics are also surging, with 2.7 billion (39% of world population) expected to be online by the end of the 2014. It is undeniable that youth access to information is unprecedented, regardless of social class or income. A 2012 census in India revealed that half of homes have phones but no toilets.

Despite this unprecedented connectivity, there still remains a tremendous gap between the East and the West; lack of information, misinformation, stereotypes and fear of the 'other' are omnipresent in our very globalized world. Almost half of Americans have no awareness about international affairs, and only 18% report speaking a language other than English.

As for Egypt, Internet access is generally cheap and available, even in the smallest and most remote villages. In 2011, the Internet became a powerful tool for political activism and civil society. However, it is only very recently that Egyptians started using the Internet as a means to discover the world and become familiar with other cultures.

## Problem Statement

In 2012, 79% of Egyptians expressed unfavorable attitudes toward the U.S.

In 2013, only 36% of Americans had a favorable view of Egypt (a drop from 60% in the 1990s).

We recognize that media, which largely reports biased political and government viewpoints, plays a crucial role in shaping our perceptions of other nations and their people. Without person-to-person interactions, everyday citizens lack fundamental understanding of everyday life in other parts of the world. The Creative Hub believes that access to the Internet can be used to bridge this gap in understanding between cultures.

## Project Goal

The aim of The Creative Hub is to mobilize discussions and scholarship, which have been localized within academia, and through various means, translate them to the vernacular. How do we get communities involved in these pluralistic issues of politics, aesthetics, and activism? Our video-based media campaign will engage American and Egyptian university students in a common dialogue that centers on contemporary issues spanning politics, media, culture, and human rights. Through ongoing interviews with students and by using social media as a platform, The Creative Hub's videos will add the authentic young voices that are distinctly absent from traditional media.

## Main Objectives

1. Create a connection between Egyptian university students and their American counterparts through access to online videos about day-to-day as well as controversial issues;
2. Provide a platform of self-expression that will be compiled and broadcast on various online channels;
3. Create a virtual dialogue among Egyptian and American young people through our online platforms such as Facebook and YouTube.

## Project Activities

1. Produce 10 videos per year, featuring Egyptian and American university students responding to questions on a variety of topics ranging from what they have for lunch to their take on generation gaps and gender disparity.
2. Manage our online platforms (website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube Channel), facilitate discussions about the videos between Egyptians and Americans, and encourage viewers to submit their own questions and videos.
3. Hold viewing parties where university students gather to watch The Creative Hub's videos, share impressions and engage in critical discussion.

## Expected Outcomes in Year One of Implementation

1. 10 videos will be successfully edited and shared through The Creative Hub's social media outlets: YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and website. Each video will feature one question that is asked of both American and Egyptian university students. Each video will feature 8-10 students, depending on the quality of recorded content;
2. 500 shares/likes of videos via The Creative Hub's social media outlets;
3. Hold 5 informal viewing parties in the US and Egypt to gauge interest in pilot videos and generate content; feedback will inform the production of future videos.
4. Presentation of The Creative Hub's video collection to 2015 Gabr Fellows via a viewing party.

## Expected Impact on U.S.-Egyptian Relations

- Increased engagement between American and Egyptian university students on a wide range of multidisciplinary and cultural topics;
- Greater understanding of cross-cultural youth opinions and experiences;
- Critical and open discussions of contemporary issues facing American and Egyptian societies.

## Conclusion

We believe there is a hunger for truth and connection among the younger generations in both Egypt and The United States. The Creative Hub will foster this desire by sharing their voices, opinions, concerns, questions, and hopes in an accessible, informative, and entertaining online community.

# The Culture Box

Team: Chase Bowman, Ahmed El Naggar, Shehab Farouk, Ahmed Naguib, Erika Witt

Now more than any time before, our world is perfectly virtually connected. Nearly two billion people all over the world can access internet, people from different countries can have life chat with each other and know more about other cultures. It was expected that this communication revolution would help in building bridges between nations and promote peace. Surprisingly, the exact opposite happened, terms like “clash of civilizations” started to be used everywhere. Instead of being a platform for building bridges between different cultures, many internet sites became platform for bridge burning. The Culture Box is an action project which aims at building physical connection between the American and Egyptian cultures through the creation of a sustainable physical tie between the two cultures.



## Goals of the Project

Building a bridge linking the East and West through an educational and interactive tool for promoting interest and understanding of global cultures to diverse audiences in both affordable and accessible means.

## Aims of the project

Unlike virtual connection tools, the Culture Box is physical connection tool which creates an interactive, attractive and durable bond with other cultures. This box offer durable items through which American citizens can embrace Egypt through his/her five senses. They can see Egypt through watching the best rated Egyptian movie, they can hear Egypt through a best-selling music album in Egypt. They can touch Egypt through touching a replica of a famous Egyptian monument, they can smell and taste Egypt through an info-graphic recipe for Egyptian cuisine. Moreover, they can get a better understanding of Egyptian society through reading a Best-Selling book in Egypt.

## Description of the Culture Box:

The Culture Box is a container that will be made in Egypt and distributed in the USA. The box will contain a multitude of items which will enable the American audience to explore and interact with the Egyptian cultures through their five senses. The items in the box will consist of, but will not be limited to, a best rated book from Egypt, a miniature handmade replica of a famous monument in Egypt, a recipe for a traditional Egyptian meal, a DVD of popular Egyptian movie and a CD of popular Egyptian music. The Culture box will be distributed in museums, educational institutes, book stores and tourism agencies in USA.

## Time Line

### First week of July:

*Selection of the box content.*

### Second week of July:

*Presenting the box content to the Gabr Foundation, getting feedback and carry out required amendments until reaching the final content.*

### Third week of July:

*Design of the Box and producing the first box.*

### Fourth week of July:

*Presenting the Box to the Foundation, getting feedback, carry out required amendments until reaching the final shape of the box.*

### First week of August:

*Producing the first two Boxes and send one of them to the USA for assessment.*

### Second week of August:

- *Egyptian Members: Working on the feasibility study.*
- *American Members: working on finding places to show our box in + feedback.*

### Second and Third Week of August:

- *Egyptian Members: working on finding sponsors and potential partners.*
- *American Members: feedback, working on creating an American box as a second phase.*

### Mid-August to Mid-October:

*Production of 1000 boxes and shipping them to the United States to be presented in the event that will be held next November.*

### November:

*Evaluation of the Action project and start working on American Culture Box to be sold in Egypt.*

## Conclusion

The Culture Ambassadors team offers the Culture Box for diverse audiences who want to learn about other cultures and cannot afford travelling abroad. Unlike other Culture-related ventures, The Culture Box is a durable cultural product with a residual value. Moreover, The Culture Box is sustainable action project which gets the private sector involved; create revenues, and support handcraft and publishers.

## Future extensions

The huge impact of art on the human psychology insists that the Culture Ambassadors team look forward to initiate art exhibitions that support and develop the idea of culture bridging and to be an advertisement for the Culture Box idea.

# East-West Newspaper & Website

Team: Michael Goff, Nancy Habib

The project consists of two parts:

- Printed newspaper
- Website magazine

The two parts will be geared to Americans and Egyptians and each one will complete the other. The online will be more flexible for any updates. We can easily reach out to readers and create a sort of interaction with them, through the website and the content of the newspaper will be published online too.

## Project

- This is a tabloid Newspaper issued monthly, and published in 40 pages, divided into two parts: the first 20 pages in Arabic, and the second 20 pages in English. The newspaper will consist of political, arts, and social interests, and contains investigations, interviews, and articles, and will be distributed for free in the beginning, and rely on advertising at a later stage to make profits.
- The Website magazine has different interests. It will create a sort of interaction with the readers and will cover any updates continuously.

## Target

The newspaper and the website will be geared primarily to the Egyptians and Americans, with the largest segment of its target being youth.

Distribution of the newspaper:

As our target is youth, the places of distribution will be based on the universities, cafes, malls, clubs and youth centers. The distribution of newspaper will not be limited to Cairo in Egypt, but aims to access all the provinces, and thus will also focus on youth centers in regions of Egypt. The same applies to all U.S. states, whether in universities or famous cafes such as Starbucks.

## Content

- The Sections of the newspaper and website will be varied and changing, to serve the main goal and reviewing the common challenges of the Egyptian and American societies. Both will be an attempt to learn more about each community, and common characteristics.
- The following are some ideas that can be addressed by the newspaper:
  - Follow-up the successful experiences of Egyptians in America and Americans in Egypt, provide a review of their work, and their experiences, publishing a mini interviews with these characters, and how they adjust in a different society.
  - The newspaper will review the main political issues in Egypt and USA.
  - A review for the film with the highest revenues in Egypt, and the first movie in American box office.
  - Investigate about a social problem, and compare between its state in Egypt and America, such as sexual harassment.
- The website will consist of different sections.
  - It will publish the content of the newspaper.
  - A part for the readers to interact
  - Covering different issues and any updates continuously.





# Summer Institute

Team: Nourhan Moussa, Nathan Thomas

*In this program, the Fellows are planning to design and implement a collaborative action project based on one or more of the topics discussed in the United States and Egypt. The project works to improve mutual understanding among Egyptians and Americans.*



## Education as Dialogue

*Social Entrepreneurship*

For youth and adults who want to engage and excel in the global educational arena and technological age, we offer the Gabr Summer Institute. This Institute provides well rounded primary and secondary education with comprehensive digital-age awareness to participants in need. Unlike public schools and segmented technology centers, we have an inclusive hub to assist with the needs of an underserved community.

## Goal

- To act on the widening gap of educational opportunity between the disenfranchised and the high unemployment rate amongst college graduates through a 2-week summer program for students and parents & a 1-week long professional development program for educators.
- To increase dialogue regarding the growing presence of technology in our daily lives through the creation of an online forum to engage participants in a yearly conference on the highly discussed technological issues of the year.
- To engage Egyptian and US citizens in the facilitation of the action project.
- The project will give participants a uniquely powerful platform for an East-West dialogue of academic fidelity, cultural values from cradle to career, and a greater understanding of mutual US/Egyptian challenges

## Issue

- New research supported by the Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation[i] states that parents who take an active role in early childhood education and proper infant health care can help their child live their best life story. However, the opportunity to provide the aforementioned advantages is not in favor of the impoverished child that needs it most.
- New statistics in the US and Egypt sheds light on the fact that higher education is becoming more expensive and increasingly failing to provide the majority of students with improved job prospects. In fact, unemployment is higher for US and Egyptian graduates versus non-graduates.[ii]
- With the US educating an ever diversifying population of young students and Egypt maintaining the largest public school population of the Middle East and North Africa, a dialogue on the challenges and solutions to education is timely and necessary.
- Technology is becoming an ever growing part of today's modern classroom. In fact[iii], all high school students in Arkansas are required to take an online class before graduation. Teachers of all disciplines will benefit from workshops geared toward the future of classroom technology and most importantly the use and security of that data.

## Challenges

- Selecting the starting age group for the summer program.
- Isolating a dynamic speaker and participants for the teacher workshop.
- Securing space, food, and funding for events.
- *"The process of education thus can be construed broadly as humanity's unique methods of acquiring, transmitting, and producing knowledge for interpreting and acting upon the world. In the broadest sense, education underlies every human group's ability to adapt to its environment. Effective education allows a group to continually adapt and thereby reproduce the conditions of its existence..."* – Bradley Levinson

# Women 360 (Improving Market Pathways for Female Entrepreneurs)

Team: Stephanie Cate, Ahmed El-Assal, Dina Gamal

## Project Duration:

09/01/2014 to 09/01/2016 (Pilot)

## Population Served:

Rural, vulnerable populations that are heavily dependent upon the informal sector

## Constituents:

Female entrepreneurs

## Geographic Area Served:

Egypt



## Background and Overview

It is widely recognized that education and economic empowerment for women and girls is a prerequisite for sustainable development worldwide. However, the lack of access to savings and credit as well as business training and mentoring continues to keep a significant number of women and their families in poverty.

Providing women entrepreneurs with access to savings and credit not only gives them a way to build their business, but it also ensures that they have a greater economic role in decision-making. When women control decisions regarding credit and savings, they optimize and increase expenditure on the well-being of themselves and their children. An educated and economically empowered woman is more likely to marry later, have fewer children and make sure that her family is educated, vaccinated and well-nourished.

In Egypt, 46.1 percent of women work in the informal sector. Of those women, 60.3 percent do not receive a salary or any kind of payment (National Council for Research on Women, 2011). Business skills training, mentoring, and incentivized savings programs will not only help female entrepreneurs gain access to markets and enter the formal sector, but it will also allow them to save and invest more in their families' well-being.

Offering small, affordable loans and other financial services such as savings incentives to female entrepreneurs in Egypt who are not currently served by traditional banks and institutions will transform the lives of those living in poverty in the country.

## Problem Statement

*"Women perform 66 percent of the world's work, and produce 50 percent of the food, yet earn only 10 percent of the income and own 1 percent of the property."*

Former President, Bill Clinton

The lack of access to enterprise growth and financial training services for female entrepreneurs in Egypt presents Women 360 with the unique opportunity to support female-owned businesses and subsequently provide great economic and social returns for women, their families and their communities.

### **Why economic empowerment for female entrepreneurs in Egypt is crucial:**

- Higher female earnings and bargaining power translate into greater investment in children's education, health and nutrition, which leads to economic growth in the long term (Department for International Development (DFID), 2010).
- When more women work, economies grow (World Bank).
- Evidence from a range of countries shows that increasing the share of household income controlled by women, either through their own earnings or cash transfers, shifts spending patterns in ways that benefit children (UN Women).

- A study using data from 219 countries from 1970 to 2009 found that, for every one additional year of education for women of reproductive age, child mortality decreased by 9.5 percent. Between 1970 and 1990, the survival of 4.2 million children stemmed from women's increased education (UN Women).

## Project Goal

To empower female entrepreneurs in Egypt to improve their livelihoods by providing business skills training, mentoring, micro loans and incentivized savings programs that will help them gain access to markets, enter the formal sector, and improve their financial and social status.

## Main Objectives

1. Assist female entrepreneurs in Egypt in building personal and professional capacity through entrepreneurship and business skills training, mentoring, and education;
2. Provide greater market access through the development of an online marketplace platform;
3. Offer networking opportunities between female entrepreneurs in Egypt and women in the United States through the Women 360 platform;
4. Create financial opportunity for female entrepreneurs through incentivizing savings programs and revolving microloans.

## Project Activities

### 1. Business Skills Training and Development

- Training and capacity building for women in the areas of communication, leadership, entrepreneurship and business skills with a focus on most promising economic sectors and on business development. This includes conducting training needs assessments, developing training programs and material, the implementation of trainings as well as follow up and monitoring and evaluation;
- "Training of Trainers" courses to ensure the long-term sustainability and impact of the project among other women entrepreneurs in their local communities.

### 2. Provision of Micro Loans and Saving Incentives

- Providing revolving micro loans for women to start their small and medium-sized projects;
- Distributing loans to other trainees after re-collecting the monthly premiums to ensure the equal opportunities for the trainees;
- Conducting a saving incentives program to encourage the women to sustain and expand their business.

### 3. Women 360 Online Marketplace and Platform

- Establishing an online platform to provide Egyptian entrepreneurs with access to the market in the United States;
- Conducting webinars between female entrepreneurs in Egypt and United States to share their challenges, success stories and experiences.

## Expected Outcomes in Year One of Implementation

1. 300 women will have participated in business and entrepreneurial skills training programs and will be capable of working autonomously and self-sufficiently;
2. 150 women will have access to financial assets through the introduction and development of entrepreneurial initiatives and the provision of savings incentives and micro loans. As a result, they will have more bargaining power in the home and increased opportunity for self employment;
3. 500 women will have access to the women 360 platform to share their experiences with female entrepreneurs in the United States and import locally-made handicrafts and products to both countries;
4. 50 revolving loans will be provided to female entrepreneurs to support their small and medium-sized businesses in the pilot phase.

## Expected Impact on Egyptian Communities and U.S. - Egyptian Relations

- Increased financial knowledge and technical capacity of participants;
- More women-owned businesses integrated into the formal sector in Egypt;
- Increased savings and control over financial resources for women;
- Active online platform/marketplace for locally-made Egyptian products;
- Enhanced linkages and partnerships between civil society and both the private and public sector in Egypt and United States.

## Sustainability Plan

The sustainability of Women 360 will be ensured throughout the different channels that the Women 360 team has targeted. Firstly, the capable women entrepreneurs that graduate from the TOT training will be able to transfer the knowledge and skills gained through the workshops and trainings to other women in their local communities in addition to the mentorship program that will allow those women to contact professionals in their fields.

Revolving loans with low interest rates will allow Women 360 entrepreneurs to sustain and improve their business. In addition, the circulation of loans based on the monthly premiums will benefit a wide number of the trained women and allow them to increase their influence on economic spheres, and through the peer education module that will be implemented by the women trainers will sustain the learning process among the different categories of the women entrepreneurs.

Finally, the Women 360 online platform will provide the space and the capacity that will allow the women to import their products and to access the different markets as well as improving the economic status and ensure its sustainability. Sales from the Women 360 online marketplace will generate financial support for programming.

## Implementing Partners

### 1. National Development Foundation (NDF)

The National Development Foundation (NDF) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that works to benefit all people within the state of Egypt, with a focus on community and individual development. The foundation has worked in multiple governorates within Egypt but holds a particular focus on those areas where the population happens to be marginalized or is most in need of help.

NDF emphasizes methods of community participation as an effective means of improving the lives and living conditions of those people it works with, and seeks to include and consult local institutions and civil society at every point so as to achieve lasting and sustainable development.

### 2. Academy for International Development-Middle East (AIDME)

The Academy for International Development-Middle East (AIDME) was originally established in Cairo, Egypt in 2006 as consultancy organization. AIDME has a multidisciplinary team of more than 50 professional staff and consultants with different educational backgrounds, skills and experiences in various developments, economic, social, political, and health fields. AIDME has an extensive network of more than 100 non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, civil societies, faith based organizations and privately owned business in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, Europe and Africa.

AIDME adopts strategic participatory planning, evidence-based and action-oriented approaches to enable civic participation, socio-economic development, governance, career and skills building, community behavior change, urban development, poverty alleviation, conflict resolutions and peace building programs.

### 3. The Batonga Foundation

The Batonga Foundation exists to empower young women and girls in Africa through secondary school and higher education. Founded in 2006 by Angelique Kidjo, Grammy Award-winning West African singer, songwriter, and UNICEF International Goodwill Ambassador, Batonga's work takes a holistic approach to help and encourage more girls to succeed in school.

Since 2007, Batonga has worked in partnership with US-based and local NGOs to provide holistic support for extremely vulnerable girls in 5 countries in Africa: Benin, Mali, Cameroon, Sierra Leone and Ethiopia. These girls have been orphaned by AIDS, are disabled, extremely poor, or otherwise disadvantaged yet they are driven to succeed, despite their circumstances. The vast majority would not be in school without Batonga's support. The girls have taken on multiple obstacles and personal challenges with enormous spirit, tenacity, and dedication to their education and are thriving in secondary school.

Batonga adds a credible voice to the growing consensus among global leaders that girls' education is a critical investment to improve their lives, the lives of their families, their communities, their countries, and the world.

## Conclusion

There is a growing consensus that the most cost-effective way to help nations reduce poverty is to empower women and girls. Women 360 will empower female entrepreneurs in Egypt to grow their small and medium-sized businesses, increase their savings and control over financial resources, and invest in the livelihood of their families and communities. The online platform will enhance linkages and partnerships between civil society and the private and public sector in Egypt and United States.





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# 2014 Gabr Fellowship Participants

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## Egyptian Program Participants

### Dr. Abdul-Monem Al-Mashat

Dr. Al Mashat is the Dean, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Future university. He is the former Director of the Center for Political Research and Studies, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University. Between 1998- 2005, he served as Scholarships Administrator, The Joint Japan/World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program (JJ/WBGSP) and the Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program (RSMFP), The World Bank, Washington D.C., USA.

### Dr. Abdelkrim Seghir

Dr. Seghir is the incoming dean of AUC's school of Business. Seghir has worked as a visiting researcher at the economics department "Universidade NOVA" in Lisbon from September 2002 to September 2004. Before arriving at AUC, he worked as an Assistant Professor at the American University of Beirut from September 2004 to September 2006.

### Dr. Ahmed Darwish

Dr. Darwish is a consultant to a number of international organizations (UNDP, UNIDO, FAO, ESCWA, European Union and World Bank), government organizations and companies in the United States, Middle East, Africa and Egypt. His last public occupation was the Minister of State for Administrative Development (2004-2011).

### Mr. Ahmed El Alfi

A veteran investor and VC from California with over 25 years of entrepreneurial and TMT-related experience. Ahmed relocated to Cairo in 2006 as the CEO of EFG-Hermes Private Equity and subsequently founded Sawari Ventures.

### Dr. Ahmed Hassanein

Ahmed Hassanein is an assistant professor at The American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt, where he serves a joint appointment between the Department of Construction and Architectural Engineering at the School of Sciences and Engineering and the Department of Management at the School of Business. Prior to joining AUC, Hassanein worked as project controls manager of a major real estate development firm operating in Africa, Central and South Asia as well as Western Europe.

### Mr. Akram Allam

Akram Allam is an Egyptologist and reputable tour guide. He has, in fact, been a guide for several well-known visitors such as American Ambassador David Welch, Roger Moore, John Travolta, the Crown Prince of Tonga and he has had the pleasure of guiding many special interest tours including National Geographic Society and delegations from the People to People Organization.

### Dr. Ali Awni

Ali Awni is a professor in the Department of Management at AUC since September, 2006. Prior to joining AUC, Awni was the Head of the Qualifying Industrial Zones (QIZ) Unit at Egypt's Ministry of Trade and Industry. Professor Awni has worked with the Industry Modernization Center, an EU funded program for the upgrading of Egyptian industries.

### Mrs. Al Zahraa Adel Awed

Al Zahraa has a Bachelor of Tourism and Guidance from Faculty of Tourism and Hotels, Alexandria University. She has a diversified experience in different fields like; public relation, media coordination, marketing, and customer service. She currently works as Tour Manager and guide for English groups in Alexandria. She is an enthusiastic lecturer on Alexandria modern history, specialized in Preserving the Heritage of Cosmopolitan Alexandria. She is also the founder of Alexandria Belle Époque's Heritage Society.



### Dr. Amany Soliman

Works as a lecturer of modern history and international relations of the Mediterranean in the Mediterranean studies institute of Alexandria University. She was the first ever-Egyptian researcher to write a PhD thesis on the nationalisms of Spain specifically Catalonia and Basque Nationalism. She obtained her degree in 2010 with 1st class honors and was ranked youngest PhD holder from an Egyptian university, as she was only 28 years old.

### Mrs. Amina Khalil

Amina is an Egyptian Fashion Designer. She studied fashion design and marketing in London. Amina K was founded in 2009; the brand is dedicated to and inspired by Egypt.

### H.E. Amr Moussa

H.E. Amr Moussa was the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the UN, the Foreign Minister of Egypt, and the sixth Secretary General of the League of Arab States (2001-2011). Moussa ran for president of Egypt in 2011 and heads the Congress party of Egypt. Moussa chaired the Committee that drafted Egypt's 2014 constitution.

### Mr. Amro Shadi

He established an American / German steel fabrication equipment manufacturer in the CIS region, and received the Commander's Public Service award from the US Department of Defense for his role as a linguist / cultural advisor in Iraq. Amro holds a Masters in Computer Sciences from Northeastern Illinois University. Amro's highest motivation is providing leadership that serves the needs of others. The emphasis is on creating beneficial results for people.

### Mrs. April Perkins

April Perkins current position is at Al-Azhar University, where she trains teachers in a special two-year program for the graduate faculty members of Al-Azhar. Since 2008, she has taught in ESL in a variety of settings, from elementary school to university-level, in the U.S., India, Morocco, Libya and Egypt. She has participated in the prestigious English Language Fellow Program (U.S. State Department) on two occasions.

### Ambassador Ashraf Rashed

Ambassador Rashed served as the Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs, Assistant Foreign Minister for European Affairs and Arab Coordinator for Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for Strategic and Security Organizations in Europe, and Ambassador to Italy (2006-2011) and Ireland (1999-2003). He served as an International Consultant, World Food Programmer Facilitator and Chairman for Consultations on Humanitarian Assistance and Risks in Somalia involving UN Agencies (2011).

### Bob Castro

Bob Castro works as Strategic Advisor to Corporations & Entrepreneurs seeking Global Markets. He has delivered winning results for both clients & employers globally, as corporate executive, government official, and consultant. Being an entrepreneur himself, Bob has also coached executives, corporate boards & senior government officials for RESULTS. Bob has participated in international trade negotiations and dispute settlements as both policymaker and advocate.

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### Mrs. Dina El-Mofty

As Executive Director of Injaz Egypt Dina helped pilot the Junior Achievement/INJAZ initiative in Egypt in 2003. Dina's work entailed expanding Injaz programs within schools and universities across Egypt, and in acquiring Private sector partnerships with the organization. In 2007 Injaz Egypt was officially registered as an Egyptian organization governed by a board of Directors represented by leading companies of the Egyptian private sector.

### Mrs. Dina G .Khayat

Dina Khayat is founder and chairman of Madar Capital, as asset management firm established in mid-2010. Prior to that, Khayat was Managing Director of Arab African Investment Management. Under her management the Arab African International Bank equity fund Shield was the best performing fund in the market among its peer group for 2009.

### Prof. Dr. Ebada Sarhan

Dr. Sarhan is the president of Future University in Egypt, FUE. He also used to work as Dean of Faculty of Computers And Information Technology at the same university.

### Dr. Fareed Fadel

Fareed Fadel is an Egyptian painter and artist whose exhibitions have been exhibited in the Saray Al-Nasr Gallery, the Egyptian Cultural Center and the Toledo Art Museum. His paintings can be found at the embassies of Japan and Turkey in Cairo and the Egyptian Modern Art Museum in Cairo and in many prominent collections.

### Dr. Fathy Saleh

Dr. Fathy Saleh is currently professor of computer engineering at Cairo University. He is the founder and has been the director of CULTNAT center for documentation of cultural and natural heritage for over 10 years with extraordinary programs about Egypt shown in Cairo at the Smart Village and internationally.

### Dr. Hafez Al Mirazi

Hafez Al Mirazi is director of the Kamal Adham Center for Television and Digital Journalism at The American University in Cairo, and professor of practice at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication. Al Mirazi spent 24 years living and working in Washington, D.C. He served as Al Jazeera's U.S. bureau chief and hosted the channel's widely-regarded weekly news program From Washington (2000-2007).

### Dr. Hala El Said

Dr. Hala El Said has been the Dean of Faculty of Economics and Political Science of Cairo University from September 2011. Dr. Said has been the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Public Administration Research & Consultation Center at Cairo University since 2011. She is a Non Executive Director of Arab African International Bank. Dr. El Said served as a Member of the Middle East Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship from 2009 to 2011.

### Dr. Hazem Abdel Azim

Dr. Hazem is a popular figure and political activist. In July 2011, he was nominated for governmental position, minister of telecommunications and IT services. He currently works as assistant professor at Faculty of Computers and Information, Cairo University. He was one of the officials in Al Sisi presidential campaign.

### Dr. Hossam Badrawi

Hossam Badrawi is a prominent Egyptian physician and politician. Badrawi also owns the well-known Badrawi Hospital in Cairo. After 25th of Jan revolution, Badrawi focused on domestic politics. He played an important role in the formation of Misr AlNahda Party (Egypt Renaissance). He also joined intellectuals and businessmen to start the Ittihad (Union) Party. Those two parties are thought to be aiming for economic and political liberalization.

### Mr. Hussein Fahmy

Mr. Fahmy an Egyptian is the Arab Worlds premier actor who has received several awards during his career. He currently works as a Director of Documentary films and TV commercials in Hollywood. He was the Regional Ambassador of Goodwill at the United Nations Development Programs (UNDP) for the Arab States and North Africa for nine years plus serves as an Ambassador for the Special Olympics.

### Mrs. Jill Hutchins

Mrs. Hutchins is the Head of Political Affairs section in the U.S. embassy in Egypt.

### Mr. Karim Haggag

Haggag is Deputy Director of the Planning and Strategy Department of Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Previously was a Visiting Fellow, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University. Haggag served as the Director of the Egyptian Press and Information Office in Washington DC from 2007-2011 and in the Office of the Presidency in Cairo responsible for US-Egyptian relations and economic policy coordination from 2002-2007.

### Ambassador Magda Shahin

Magda Shahin is the director of the Prince Alwaleed American Studies Center at the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (GAPP) at The American University in Cairo. Ambassador Shahin's primary career has been in diplomacy. She held a number of distinguished posts with the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, namely as first secretary in Bonn, as counselor in New York, as deputy chief of mission in Geneva, and lastly as an ambassador in Athens.

### Dr. Mamoun Fandi

Dr. Mamoun Fandi is an Egyptian-born American scholar. He is president of the think tank London Global Strategy Institute. Dr. Fandi is a former senior fellow at the Baker Institute, the United States Institute of Peace, and at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. Before that Fandy was a research professor of politics at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University.

### Dr. Mansour Boraik

Dr. Boraik is Field Director of excavations in Luxor of the Karnak temple, Sphinx Avenue, Luxor Temple and Tombs of the Nobles on the West Bank. He is also a PhD Candidate in Egyptology, Zagazig University. As an archeological inspector, he currently works as Director General of Luxor Antiquities.

### U.S. Chargé d'Affaires to Egypt Marc J. Sievers

Marc J. Sievers, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, with the rank of Minister Counselor, assumed the duties of Chargé d'Affaires in Cairo January 21, 2014. Mr. Sievers arrived in Cairo in September 2011, serving since then as Deputy Chief of Mission. Prior to Cairo, Mr. Sievers served as Political Minister Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq; Counselor for Political Affairs in Tel Aviv, Israel; and Deputy Chief of Mission in Algiers, Algeria.

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## Egyptian Program Participants

### Mr. Michael Cavanaugh

Mr. Cavanaugh is Deputy economic counselor at the embassy in Cairo.

### Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem

Ambassador Mohamed Anis Salem currently heads Development Works, a Cairo-based nonprofit consultancy office. Presently, Ambassador Salem the Coordinator of the UN Working Group at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs contributing occasional articles to a leading Egyptian newspaper (Al Masry Al Youm).

### Major General Mohamed El Assar

General Assar is Deputy Defense Minister and has responsibility for external affairs within the supreme military council and oversees the Armament Authority.

### Major General Mohamed El Keshky

Major General Mohamed Elkeshky is the assistant to the minister of defense. He also served as the Egyptian Defense Attaché to the United States and to Canada, a post he assumed in 2009 till 2013. He served previously as Egypt's Assistant Defense Attaché in London. General Elkeshky has undertaken military studies both in Egypt and the United States, including at Egypt's War College, the United States' National War College, and the U.S. Advanced Artillery Course.

### The Honorable Mona Makram – Ebeid

Dr. Mona Makram-Ebeid is a lecturer of Political Science and Sociology at AUC since 1983. She has established herself in the Egyptian political and intellectual community. She has been a vocal and dynamic Member of Parliament from 1990-1995 where she served as Senator on the committees on Foreign Affairs, Education and Budget.

### Dr. Mona Zaki

Dr. Mona L. Zaki, a prominent Egyptian woman activist, is the Founder and CEO of Global Strategic Consultants (GSC). Dr. Zaki established GSC in October 2003, following a richly versatile and accomplished career spanning two decades in strategic planning and development, institutional advancement, international cultural programs, international public relations and marketing for the American University in Cairo (AUC).

### Dr. Noha Bakr

Dr Bakr's current position is Assistant to the Minister of International Cooperation, in charge of international economic cooperation with USA, in addition to being a Professor, Adjunct Faculty, Political Science Department, the American University in Cairo teaching International Organizations & Human Rights. Dr Bakr has been a contributor of a weekly article in Ahram Elktisady publication for two years, head of Beyond Research Center, periodical, issued by former United Nations employees, member of the Egyptian Council of Foreign Relations.

### Mrs. Patricia Kobria

Patricia is the Cultural Attache at the U.S. embassy in Cairo.

### General (Rtd) Sameh Seif Elyazal

General Sameh is Chairman, Al-Gomhouria, Centre for Political and Security Studies. Sameh Seif-Elyazal is a former army general. He joined the Egyptian military in 1965 and has participated in two wars with Israel. General Elyazal has worked in Egypt's embassies in the United Kingdom and North Korea. Since retiring from the military he has been working as a security expert giving advice and participating in discussions with local and international media organizations.

### H.E Sameh Shoukry

H.E Sameh Shoukry was named Foreign Minister of Egypt on 17 June 2014. Shoukry was a retired Egyptian diplomat whose last diplomatic posting was as Ambassador of Egypt to the United States from 2008 to 2012. From 2004-2005 he served as Egypt's assistant foreign minister. Ambassador Sameh served in Vienna and Geneva prior to being posted to the U.S.

### Minister of Defense General Sedki Sobhi

General Sobhi is the current Minister of Defense in Egypt. On March 2014, General Sedki Sobhi has been promoted by interim President Adly Mansour to the rank of colonel general, a title that has historically been held only by Egyptian defense ministers. General Sobhi became Defense Minister after the resignation of Field Marshal Abdel Fatah Al Sisi.

### Dr. Shibley Telhami

Shibley Telhami is the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a nonresident senior fellow of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. Professor Telhami has also been active in the foreign policy arena. He has served as Advisor to the US Mission to the UN (1990-91), as advisor to former Congressman Lee Hamilton, more recently as senior advisor to George Mitchell, President Obama's United States Special Envoy for Middle East Peace (2009-2011).

### Mr. Ziad Aly

Ziad Aly is CEO & Founder of ALZWAD for Economic Development. Before founding ALZWAD, Ziad was an Executive Board Member at Vodafone. He is an evangelist on the role of Mobile Internet and Entrepreneurship in changing the MENA region. Ziad is the founder of ALZWAD for Mobile Services (ZMS), Handmade Studios, Soutak.com, Kareerak.com, Reach 2.0 and Integrated Payment Services (Zambaleeta.com).

Shafik Gabr, Chairman and Managing Director of the ARTOC Group for Investment & Development, is a renowned leader in international business, one of the world's premier collectors of Orientalist art, and an accomplished philanthropist.

ARTOC Group for Investment Development celebrated 42 years of successful investment activities in November 2013 and is a multi-disciplined investment holding company with subsidiaries operating in the fields of industry, automotive, airport terminals, consumer products, energy, publishing, real estate and construction.

Shafik Gabr is the Chairman and a founding member of Egypt's International Economic Forum, member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum and serves on Yale University President's Council on International Activities. Shafik Gabr is also a Global Leadership Council Member at the Brookings Institution, a member of the Jackson Institute Council and also serves on the Advisory Boards of MIT's Center for International Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Zurich Financial Services, one of the world's leading insurance companies and also Stanhope Capital, LLP.

Shafik Gabr was previously the Chairman of COMESA (Common Market for East and South Africa) Business Council and a member of the Executive Board of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris). Furthermore, Shafik Gabr was a founder of the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt in 1982, serving as its first Egyptian President from 1995 until 1997.

Shafik Gabr ranks among Arabian Business and The Middle East magazines 2012 "Most Influential Arabs" and "Our Top 50 Arabs". In 2009 Shafik Gabr was presented with the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) award for Corporate Responsibility. In 2014 Shafik Gabr was awarded The Meridian Global Citizen Award.

Through the Shafik Gabr Social Development Foundation, Shafik Gabr is helping to improve elementary-school education throughout his native Egypt, introducing students to arts and culture and promoting sports and physical fitness for youth. In the area of higher education, Shafik Gabr is the biggest Egyptian supporter of the American University in Cairo. The Foundation also developed a free medical-care system by providing "Medical Caravans", for residents of underprivileged areas of Greater Cairo. The Foundation is constructing and launching its first Medical and Social Development Center in Mokattam, Cairo in 2014 offering free medical and health services. In 2012 Shafik Gabr established in the US the Shafik Gabr Foundation which supports educational and medical initiatives plus launched in November 2012 the East-West: The Art of Dialogue initiative (see [www.eastwestdialogue.org](http://www.eastwestdialogue.org)) promoting exchanges between the US and Egypt with the purpose of cultural dialogue and bridge building.

Shafik Gabr holds a BA in Economics and Management from the American University in Cairo and an MA in Economics from the University of London.



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## American Program Participants

### Mr. Masood Ahmed

Masood Ahmed is Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department at the International Monetary Fund. Previously, Mr. Ahmed was the Director of the External Relations Department in the IMF as well as the HIPC Debt Initiative.

### Ambassador Al-Ansari

Ambassador al-Ansari is Chief of Cabinet at the UN Alliance of Civilizations's Assisting the UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations in particular through strategic advice, administrative and substantive inputs.

### Mr. Shahed Amanullah

Shahed Amanullah is a Principal at Affinis Global, a consulting firm that specializes in building partnerships between the United States and the Middle East and Africa. He is a serial entrepreneur who has founded several Silicon Valley new media startups.

### Mr. Ahmed Amer

Ahmed has five years of experience in the US, Europe and MENA region in investment banking and financial management, SME development finance and international development. Ahmed leads the launch of MC Egypt in the US, a Mercy Corps subsidiary investing seed capital in early stage start-ups.

### Mr. Hady Amr

Hady Amr was sworn in as Senior Economic Advisor to Martin Indyk, U.S. Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations in September 2013. From 2010 until joining the State Department, he was USAID's Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East.

### Mrs. Inger Andersen

Ms. Andersen, a Danish national, is Vice President of the Middle East and North Africa at the World Bank, where she is responsible for the Bank's strategy and operations throughout the region.

### Admiral Mohammed Abdul-Aziz

Egyptian Defense, Military, Naval & Air Attaché to the United States and Canada Rear Admiral Mohamed Mohamed Abdelaziz Elsayed assumed his present position as Egyptian Defense, Military, Naval & Air Attaché to the United States & Canada on April 01, 2013.

### Father Bubel

Priest-in-Residence, St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City.

### Mr. Mathew Burrows

Mathew Burrows serves as director of the Atlantic Council's Strategic Foresight Initiative in the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security. He was appointed counselor to the National Intelligence Council (NIC) in 2007 and director of the Analysis and Production Staff (APS) in 2010. Burrows joined the CIA in 1986, where he served as analyst for the Directorate of Intelligence (DI), covering Western Europe.

### Mr. Scott Carpenter

Mr. Scott Carpenter is the Deputy Director of Google Ideas. Previously, Scott served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Near East Affairs.

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### Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin

President of the Middle East Institute since 2007. Previously, she was deputy high commissioner for refugees and a 29-year veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service.

### Mr. Jared Cohen

Jared Cohen is the director of Google Ideas, an Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and the co-author (along with Google executive chairman and former CEO Eric Schmidt) of the New York Times best-selling *The New Digital Age: Reshaping the Future of People, Nations and Business*.

### Brigadier General Guy “Tom” Cosentino

Brigadier General Guy “Tom” Cosentino assumed command on 30 July 2013 as the 28th Commandant of the National War College. His previous position was as Deputy Director for Political-Military Affairs for the Middle East, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5), on the Joint Staff in the Department of Defense.

### Mr. Holland Cotter

Holland Cotter has been a staff art critic at *The New York Times* since 1998. In 2009, he won the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism, for coverage that included articles on art in China.

### Architect, Leo A. Daly

As chairman and chief executive officer of the architecture firm Leo A Daly. He is the third generation of his family to head one of the nation’s largest privately held design firms, founded in 1915 by his grandfather and renowned architect Leo A. Daly Sr., and then dramatically expanded by his father Leo A. Daly II.

### Mr. Rick Davis

Richard Davis is CNN’s executive vice president of News Standards and Practices. In this capacity, Davis works to ensure that CNN Worldwide’s on-air reports and programs are fair, accurate and responsible.

### Dr. Mary Jane Deeb

Is chief of the African and Middle Eastern Division of the Library of Congress. Dr. Deeb joined the Library of Congress staff in 1998 as the Arab world specialist in the African and Middle Eastern Division. In 2003 she led a Library of Congress team to Baghdad to assist with the reconstruction of the National Library and Archives of Iraq.

### Mr. Cristin Dorgelo

Serves as Assistant Director for Grand Challenges with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). At OSTP, Cristin works to increase the number of individuals and organizations pursuing 21st Century Grand Challenges – audacious yet achievable goals that harness science and technology to solve global and national problems.

### Ms. Maria Ebrahimji

Maria Ebrahimji is journalist, strategist, and public speaker. She spent 15 years at CNN Worldwide, most recently serving as Executive Editorial Producer, leading a team in guest coverage, newsgathering, and story planning for CNN’s special events, breaking news, and multi-platform programming.



## Minister Counsellor Yasser Elnaggar

Yasser Elnaggar serves as Deputy Chief of Mission & Minister Plenipotentiary at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt. He previously served as Senior Policy Advisor to the President of the 64th General Assembly at the United Nations, as Director of the Department of United Nations Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN in New York City.

## Ms. Natalie Foley

Natalie Foley is VP & COO at Peer Insight, a consultancy that combines design & business problem-solving techniques to help organizations innovate around their services. Her expertise is in design thinking and customer-centered problem-solving in complex environments.

## Mr. Thomas L. Friedman

Thomas L. Friedman won the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, his third Pulitzer for The New York Times. He became the paper's foreign-affairs columnist in 1995. Friedman is the author of several books including "The World is Flat", "The Lexus and the Olive Tree", "From Beirut to Jerusalem" and "That used to be the US".

## Mr. Mike Gallagher

Professional Staff Member for Middle East North Africa and Counterterrorism on the Foreign Relations Committee Minority Staff. He is also a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

## Ms. Greta Ghacibeh

MENA Program Director at America Abroad Media, where she manages the organization's MENA initiatives. She also leads the production of AAM's TV and Radio Arabic-speaking programs produced for and about MENA-related topics. For the past two years, she served as the Director of AAM's affiliate office in Tunis, Association Tunisie Media (ATM).

## Mr. Clive Gillinson

Clive Gillinson became Executive and Artistic Director of Carnegie Hall in July 2005, having been appointed the previous season. He is responsible for developing the artistic concepts for Carnegie Hall presentations in its three halls – representing approximately 180 performances each season, ranging from orchestral concerts, chamber music, solo recitals, and chamber music to jazz, world, and popular music.

## Ambassador James Glassman

Chairman and CEO of Public Engagement Associates. He served as undersecretary of state for public diplomacy and public affairs and as founding executive director of the George W. Bush Institute.

## Dr. Jonathan Golden

Dr. Jonathan Golden teaches at Drew University, where he is Associate Director of the Caspersen Centers, working closely with Drew's Center for Civic Engagement, while serving as Associate Director for the Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict.

## Mr. Michael Goltzman

VICE President of International Relations and Public Affairs, The Coca-Cola Company. Formerly, the Director, Public Affairs & Communications North & West Africa Business Unit The Coca-Cola Company.

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### Mr. Jonathan Greenblatt

Special Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Social Innovation and Civic Participation in the Domestic Policy Council. In this role, he is leading the Office's efforts to leverage human capital and financial capital to elevate community solutions.

### Dr. Richard Haass

Dr. Richard Haass is president of the Council on Foreign Relations, a position he has held for more than a decade. From January 2001 to June 2003, Dr. Richard Haass was director of policy planning for the Department of State, where he was a principal adviser to Secretary of State Colin Powell.

### Congressman Darrell Issa

Represents the people of California's 49th Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Issa currently is a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, where he serves as the Chairman.

### Mr. Brian Katulis

Senior Fellow at Center for American Progress, where his work focuses on U.S. national security policy in the Middle East and South Asia. Katulis has served as a consultant to numerous U.S. government agencies, private corporations, and nongovernmental organizations on projects in more than two dozen countries, including Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Egypt, and Colombia.

### Ms. Nawal Kawar

Senior Reference Librarian, African Middle East Division, The Library of Congress.

### Mr. Robert Kesten

Executive Vice President, American Jewish Congress. Currently, he serves as President and CEO of AFTAP and executive director of PDHRE, two globally focused nonprofit organizations based in the New York area. AFTAP has a focus on education and the arts, producing events and activities that motivate and engage people into taking action. PDHRE is the engine behind a new way of looking at human rights learning and integration into daily life, at work, in the home and in the relationship between government and citizens.

### Ambassador James Larocco

Ambassador Larocco is former director of the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University and a veteran diplomat. Ambassador (Ret) James Larocco joined the NESAC as a Distinguished Professor in August 2009. In July 2010, he was named the Center's director. A career Foreign Service Officer, Ambassador Larocco served more than 35 years as a diplomat.

### Ms. Rachel Laser

Rachel Laser is the RAC's Deputy Director. Ms. Laser has a diverse background in policy advocacy, coalition-building, message development and political strategy. She served as Senior Vice President at Hattaway Communications and as Director of the Culture Program at Third Way, a Washington, DC progressive think tank specializing in understanding and reaching moderates.

## Ambassador Richard LeBaron

Ambassador LeBaron is a senior fellow with the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East and will be working on the Gulf region and leading a joint Hariri Center-Brent Scowcroft Center on an International Security initiative, A Strategic Dialogue for a New US-Gulf Partnership. Ambassador LeBaron is a career diplomat with over thirty-year experience abroad and in Washington.

## Ms. Susan Lemke

Chief, Special Collections Archives and History at the National Defense University. Susan has been facilitating the growth of the NDU collections since 1981, including the WWII collection of Major General J. Milnor Roberts, Jr.

## Dr. Aaron Lobel

Founder and President of America Abroad Media (AAM), a global non-profit organization dedicated to fostering independent media and civil society through the production of in-depth media programming.

## Ms. Sarah Lookofsky

Sarah Lookofsky is a Danish art historian, curator and critic who live in New York. She is the Instructor for Curatorial Studies at the Whitney Museum's Independent Study Program and serves as the Arts Editor for DIS Magazine. Her curatorial work and writing strive to situate artistic practices within the social and political contexts within which they are both produced and perceived.

## Ms. Lucinda Longcraft

Head of the New York Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Headquartered in Geneva. Since joining the WIPO in 1998, Ms. Longcraft has served as Deputy Director, Development Agenda Coordination Division, Development Sector, and as a senior attorney in the Copyright Division and Electronic Commerce Division of WIPO.

## Major General Gregg F. Martin

Is the 14th President of National Defense University, the pre- eminent national and international security educational institution. Prior to arriving at Fort McNair, MG Martin served as the 48th Commandant of the United States Army War College.

## Mr. Marlon Marshall

Serves as Special Assistant to the U.S. President and Principal Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement. Marshall previously served as the Deputy National Field Director for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign.

## Mr. Andrew Miller

Director for Egypt in the Middle East and North Africa Directorate. Andrew joins the White House from the Department of State, where most recently served as the Egypt Analyst in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

## Ms. Bernadette Meehan

Foreign Service Officer currently serving as the Deputy Spokesperson for the White House National Security Council. Ms. Meehan served as Special Assistant to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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### Mr. Josh Meservey

Josh Meservey is assistant director of the Africa Center. Meservey lived and worked in East and Southern Africa for more than five years.

### Counsellor Hani Nagi

Hani Nagi serves as Minister Consul at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Washington, D.C. He previously was a TV Anchor at ESC.

### Ambassador Wanda L. Nesbitt

Senior Vice President, National Defense University and a career member of the U.S. Foreign Service and holds the rank of Minister Counselor. She served as U.S Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia from November 2010 to October 2013.

### Mr. Christopher Nolan

Vice President for Planning, Design, and Construction at the Central Park Conservancy. Mr. Nolan has primary responsibility for the leadership of the organization's physical planning effort and the execution of its restoration / renovation program.

### Mr. Richard P. O'Neill

Founder and President of The Highlands Group. Mr. O'Neill previously served in government, in his last position as Deputy for Strategy and Policy in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

### Ms. Cathleen Pearl

President and CEO of the National Defense University Foundation. She previously served as the National Guard Educational Foundation, Director, National Guard Memorial Museum, Library and Archives on Capitol Hill, in Washington, D.C.

### Judge Jeanine Pirro

Jeanine Pirro joined the Fox News Channel (FNC) in 2006 and currently serves as a legal analyst as well as the host of "Justice with Judge Jeanine," a weekend prime-time program.

### Major General Michael T. Plehn

Major General Mike Plehn is the Principal Director for Middle East Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Washington D.C. He helps execute defense policy and national security strategy for 15 Middle East nations.

### Ms. Helen Smith Price

Is the Executive Director of The Coca-Cola Foundation. Previously, she was an Assistant Vice President and Group Director, Global Community Connections for The Coca-Cola Company.

### Congressman Nick Rahall, II

U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall, II, represents West Virginia's Third Congressional District. He currently serves as the Ranking Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and served as a Member of the House Natural Resources Committee for 34 years, and is recognized as the youngest-elected, longest-serving Member in the history of the House.

### Ambassador Elizabeth Richard

The State Department Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to the Near East. She began serving in this position in September 2013. Prior to holding this position, she served as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Sanaa, Yemen from September 2010 until August 2013. She is a career foreign service officer, with 24 years of service.

### The Honorable Mayor Kasim Reed

Kasim Reed is the 59th Mayor of the City of Atlanta. He was elected to a second term on November 5, 2013 and took the oath of office on January 6, 2014. Elected with a clear mandate for fiscal reform, Mayor Reed has increased core city services and reduced the City's spending during the worst recession in 80 years.

### Ms. Alina Romanowski

Currently serves as Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East Bureau and since March 2013 is fulfilling the duties of the Assistant Administrator. She oversees a large and varied portfolio that provides about \$1.5 billion annually in assistance across the Middle East region.

### Ms. Nihal Saad

Ms. Saad is the Spokesperson for the UN High-Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations at The United Nations. Previously she was Spokesperson for the President of the 66th session of the UN General Assembly at the United Nations.

### Mr. George Selim

Currently serves as the first Director for Community Partnerships at the White House National Security Staff. Mr. Selim's office is focused on countering violent extremism in the United States, building community resilience against international gangs, creating opportunities for communities to help prevent human trafficking, and enhancing partnerships with new American communities to support national security at home and abroad.

### Mr. Magnus Schaefer

Magnus is a Curatorial Assistant at the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA). He studied art history in Berlin.

### Ambassador Sallama Shaker

Dr. Shaker is a Visiting Professor at Claremont Graduate University. Ambassador Sallama Shaker was the first appointed woman Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Americas in the history of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to Claremont Ambassador Shaker was visiting Professor at Yale.

### Mr. Danny Shea

Danny Shea is HuffPost's Executive Producer, Special Projects. Previously, he was the Editorial Director of HuffPost Live as well as the site's Media Editor.

### Mr. Kareem Shora

Senior Policy Advisor and Section Lead of the Community Engagement Section with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of the Secretary, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

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### Mr. Steve Simon

Senior Fellow at the Middle East Institute based in Washington, D.C. Previously, he was the Executive Director IISS-US and Corresponding Director IISS-Middle East and former United States National Security Council senior director, for the Middle East and North Africa.

### Ms. Cynde Strand

Director of Coverage for international news at CNN International. Was formerly an international CNN camerawoman, stationed in Beijing during Tiananmen Square.

### Ms. Dana Stroul

Currently serves as the Senior Professional Staff for the Middle East and North Africa on the Senate Foreign Relations Committees (majority). Dana has lived and studied abroad in Egypt.

### Mr. Chris Taylor

Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Drew University, Professor of Islamic Studies and Director of the Drew University Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict (CRCC). Previous to his appointment at Drew, Dr. Taylor served for one year as the Acting Executive Director of the Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) at the American University in Cairo (AUC)

### Ms. Lara Talverdian

Assistant director in the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East where her research concentrates on the political transitions in North Africa. Prior to joining the Atlantic Council, she worked at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, focusing on the Middle East, humanitarian assistance, and human rights portfolios.

### Ambassador Mohamed M. Tawfik

Mohamed M. Tawfik is the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United States of America. A veteran diplomat who has served in many different posts.

### Mr. Jason Thelen

The associate director of the Cyber Statecraft Initiative leading the Atlantic Council's programming on cybercrime, cyberespionage, and cyberwarfare.

### Mr. Amos Toh

Amos serves as Katz Fellow and Counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. He works mainly with the Liberty and National Security Program, which seeks to ensure that the American government respects fundamental freedoms and human rights in conducting the fight against terrorism.

### Ms. Cynthia Traeger

Concurrently serves as CEO, Pacific Siren International LLC, a diversified technology holding company, whose mission is to identify and acquire strategically beneficial assets and technologies; and as President, VSI Pacific, a Pacific holding.

### Mr. Jim Wallis

Jim Wallis is a New York Times bestselling author, public theologian, speaker, and international commentator on ethics and public life. He is president and founder of Sojourners.

### The Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock

Senior Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, spiritual home of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Ms. Marie Warsh

Central Park Conservancy's Director of Preservation Planning in New York.

### Mr. Karim Wissa

Alternate Executive Director, The World Bank Group. Formerly Head of the Commercial Office, Embassy of Egypt in Paris, France.

### Dr. Quintan Wiktorowicz

Managing Partner of Affinis Global, a consulting firm that specializes in building partnerships between the United States and the Middle East and Africa. He served as President Obama's senior advisor for national security partnerships and countering violent extremism. Dr. Wiktorowicz served as the White House's first Senior Director for Community Partnerships at the National Security Council.

### Mr. Juan Zarate

Senior adviser at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the senior national security analyst for CBS News

### Dr. James J. Zogby

Author of *Arab Voices* and the founder and president of the Arab American Institute (AAI), a Washington, D.C.-based organization which serves as the political and policy research arm of the Arab American community.







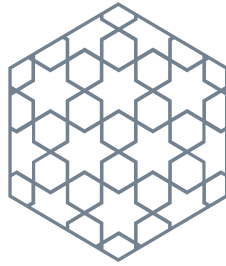
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# 2014 Gabr Fellowship Schedule



# The Gabr Fellowship

Egyptian Program, May 10 - 24, 2014 (Cairo, Alexandria, Luxor, Aswan)



The  
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Foundation

## **THE GABR FELLOWSHIP EGYPTIAN PROGRAM**

May 10 - May 24, 2014

Cairo | Alexandria | Luxor | Aswan

The Gabr Fellowship Program has created a unique space for Americans and Egyptians to bridge the East-West divide. As envisioned by founder Shafik Gabr, the Gabr Fellowship seeks to promote collaborative dialogue between Egyptians and Americans. The mission states: “In an increasingly interconnected world, cross-cultural understanding and professional networks are essential for peace and progress.” The Egyptian program will advance “peace and progress” by connecting the Fellows through a multidisciplinary, entrepreneurial approach to human endeavors in the fields of art, science, media and the law. The program provided the 20 Egyptian and American Fellows with the opportunity to meet with leading figures in Egypt in policymaking, civic engagement, governance, communications, youth activists and business and visionaries from the arts and academia.

The young men and women participating in the program are shaping their countries’ futures, forging their alliances, creating their businesses, and setting their roles on the global stage. The program in Egypt this year provided the Gabr Fellows with a hands-on, in-depth exploration of Egyptian history, culture, politics, and enterprise. It allowed them to envisage exchanges and programs that enhance cooperation and understanding, while moving forward common business, diplomatic, and cultural goals between Egypt and the U.S.

The Fellows in the Egyptian program discovered through direct engagement the present challenges that Egypt faces and the future vision of the Egyptian people. Candid and direct discussions focused on many subjects pertaining to Egypt, the region and Egyptian – American bilateral relations.

Saturday, May 10

Cairo

*Arrival in Cairo and commencement of the Egyptian program.*

**5:30pm** Meeting of all Fellows with Foundation Chairman Mr. Shafik Gabr and Members.  
Welcome speech by The Chairman

**6pm - 7pm** Lecture by Dr. Shibley Telhami, Director of the Anwar El-Sadat chair for peace at the University of Maryland “Update on Israeli Palestinian negotiation failure or possibility”



*Dr. Shibley Telhami and Mr. Shafik Gabr meeting with the Fellows*

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Sunday, May 11

Cairo

**9:30am - 12pm** **Mr. Ahmed El Alfi**, (Founder and Chairman, Sawari Ventures, Member of YPO Egypt chapter), at IT Greek Campus Down Town  
“Building an entrepreneurship in Eco system” lecture followed by interactive discussion with young Egyptian entrepreneurs

**12pm** Drive through Tahrir Square to ARTOC

**1pm - 10pm** **ARTOC Group for Investment and Development**  
*7 Hassan Al Akbar Street, Mokkattam Cairo, Egypt 11571*

**2:00 - 2:30pm** Opening Remarks by **Mr. Shafik Gabr**, Foundation Chairman

**2:30 - 3:45pm** **Ambassador Sameh Shoukry** former Egyptian Ambassador to USA  
“Egyptian Diplomacy in the 21st Century” and present Minister of Foreign Affairs

**4:00 - 6:00pm** **Ambassador Mohamed Anis**, Director of Business Development former UNICEF Ambassador to Middle East  
“10 Ideas for Strategic Management”

**6:00 - 7:15pm** **The Honorable Mona Makram – Ebeid, Senator** (Political Science Professor at The American University in Cairo)  
“In-depth brief on Egypt political landscape”

**8:00pm** Dinner and Keynote Address by **Mr. Hussein Fahmy**  
(Actor & Regional Ambassador of Good will to the Special Olympics & former President of the Cairo International Film Festival  
“Egypt: Extremism versus the future”



*Ambassador Mohamed Anis, Mr. Shafik Gabr, Ambassador Sameh Shoukry with the Fellows at ARTOC HQ*

## Monday, May 12 Cairo

10am - 8pm **ARTOC Group for Investment and Development**  
7 Hassan Al Akbar Street, Mokkattam Cairo, Egypt 11571

**10:00 - 12:00 pm - Mr. Kareem Haggag** Deputy Director of policy planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

“Egyptian American bilateral Relations”

**1:00 – 3:30 pm** Team building session

**4:00 – 5:30 pm Dr. Farid Fadel** Dr. in Art and philosophy & famous Egyptian Artist

“Art and Philosophy for Future Leaders”

**5:30 – 6:45 pm Dr. Mona Zaki** President & Managing Director, Art & Business Int'l – Hungary Founder & CEO, Global Strategic Consultants - Egypt

“Communication strategy and building bridges”

**6:45 – 7:45 pm Dr. Mansour Borek** , Chief of Middle Egypt Antiquities (Fayoum, Bani Soeuf and El Menya)

“Egypt from the past to the present”



*Dr. Mona Zaki and Dr. Farid Fadel in conversation with the Fellows*

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Tuesday, May 13

Cairo

- 9am - 10:30am Lecture by **Amina Khalil** (Fashion Designer)  
“Fashion and trends” at Nile Fairmont Hotel
- 12pm - 2pm Roundtable discussion with **General Mohamed El Assar** (Deputy Minister of Defence) & **Gen. Mohamed El Keshky** (Assistant to the Minister of Defense) followed by welcome reception with Minister of Defense, **Sedki Sobhi**
- 2:30pm - 4pm **Dr. Khaled Ramy** (Vice Chairman of the Egyptian Tourism Authority)  
“Impact of tourism on Developing Societies & People to people relations”.
- 5:15pm - 6:30pm **Mr. Marc J. Sievers** U.S. Chargé d’Affaires to Egypt- USA acting Ambassador to Egypt Meeting at the USA Embassy  
“USA diplomacy in Egypt”
- 7:15pm - 8pm **Mr. Bob Castro** Strategic Advisor to Corporations & Entrepreneurs seeking Global Markets “Policy making institutions, including public opinion research/polling/market analysis” at Fairmont Hotel
- 8pm - 9:30pm **Mr. Ziad Aly** CEO & Founder of ALZWAD for Economic Development  
“Impact of social Media in Arab Spring” at Nile Fairmont Hotel



*Mr. Ziad Aly in meeting with the Fellows*

## Wednesday, May 14 Cairo

9am - 9pm

### **ARTOC Group for Investment and Development**

*7 Hassan Al Akbar Street, Makkattam Cairo, Egypt 11571*

**9:30 – 11:00 am Dr. Hossam Badrawi** (Chairman NBH Holding)

“Egypt political landscape”

**11:00– 12:30 pm Dina El-Khayat** (Director SME business unit)

“The Future SME in developing Market”

**1:30 –3:30 pm Dina El Mofty** (Excutive Director at Injaz Egypt)

“Entrepreneurship & Social Development in Egypt ”

**4:00 –5:30 pm H.E Dr. Ahmed Darwish** (Chairman, IEEE Egypt Section) Former Minister of State for Administrative Development)

“Governance in the World of Technology: the Case of Egypt”

**6:30 – 8:30 pm Gen. Sameh Seif El-Yazal** (Chairman of Al Gomhouria Center for Political and Security Studies)

“Security Threat in the region: Global perspective”



*H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish with the Fellows at ARTOC HQ*

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Thursday, May 15

Cairo

9:30 - 11am The American University in Cairo (AUC)  
New Cairo, Cairo Governorate

9:30 - 11:00 am **Mr. Hafez Al Mirazi** (Professor of practice, Director of The Adham Center & Former Al-Jazeera's U.S. bureau Chief)  
"Arab Media post Arab Spring"

11:00 - 1:00 pm **Dr. Magda Shahin** (Professor and Director of Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for American Studies and Research at the American University in Cairo)  
"Brief US - Egypt Strategic Relationship forum"

1:00 - 2:15 pm **Dr. Abdelkrim Seghir** (Incoming Dean of the AUC School of Business) "In depth discussion on project management" attended by **Dr. Ali Awni & Dr. Ahmed Hassanein.**  
Lunch will be served during session

2:15 - 2:45 pm Brief tour of the campus

2:45pm - 5pm **Future University**  
New Cairo, Cairo Governorate

2:45 pm Welcome by **Dr. Ebada Sarhan** (President of the Future University in Egypt)

3:00 - 3:30 pm Documentary film about the University at the university main theater

3:30 - 5:00 pm **Dr. Abdel-Moniem El Mashat** (Dean of Political & Economic Science faculty) & **Dr. Salwa** Tha bet (Vice Dean of Political & Economic Science faculty) "Egypt outlook" followed by interaction session with university students

7pm - 8:30pm **Dr. Mamoun Fandi** (Director of London Global Strategy Institute)  
"East Meets West"  
Marriott Zamalek Hotel



## Friday, May 16 Cairo

- 9am - 11:30am      Guided Tour of **The Egyptian Museum of Cairo**  
Al Ismaileyah, Qasr al Nile, Cairo Governorate
- 12:15pm - 2:30pm      Guided Tour of Pyramids of Giza
- 3pm - 4pm      Walking in Al Azhar Park over viewing of Old Cairo
- 8am - 10pm      Felucca on the Nile from Maadi with catering provided by Sano  
Corniche El Maadi, Cairo Egypt



*The Fellows at the Pyramids, Cairo*

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Saturday, May 17

Cairo

8am - 9am

**Mr. Amro Shadi**, CEO Amro Commercial Corporation, International Business & Cultural Consultancy “Bees and Spiders the nature of Western and Middle Eastern relations” at the Hotel

10:30am - 11:30am

**Dr. Hazem Abdel Azeem** Sheraton Settlements, Morabaa El Wozraa, Villa #8, Presidential elections Egypt 2014

12pm - 1pm

**Ambassador Ashraf Rashed** – Elsis presidential campaign at Al Massa Hotel

3pm - 4:45pm

**Dr. Hala El Said**, Dean faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University “The Egyptian Economy: an overview” At Sonesta Cairo Hotel

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Action Project Discussions at Nile Fairmont Hotel

8pm

**Dr. Noha Bakr** Prof of Political Science, American University of Cairo and Asst. to the Minister of International Cooperation. “US - Egypt Economic Cooperation”. At Nile Fairmont Hotel



*Dr. Noha Bakr in meeting with the Fellows*

## Sunday, May 18

### Cairo and Alexandria

10am - 11:30am

Visit to CultNat with **Dr. Fathy Saleh** (Center for Documentation of Culture and Natural heritage) Smart Village, Egypt. 28 KM Cairo-Alexandria Dessert Road 6th of October City – 2nd Bldg

7pm - 8pm

**Ms. Al Zahraa Adel Awed** Lecturer in Alexandria modern history, specialized in Preserving the Heritage of Cosmopolitan Alexandria  
“Alexandria Belle Époque’s Heritage” at the Metropole Hotel



*Fellows overlooking the sea in Alexandria*

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Monday, May 19

Alexandria

9am - 10am

Roman Amphitheater  
Qesm Al Attarin, Alexandria

10am - 12pm

VIP Tour of Bibliotheca Alexandrina organized by **Dr. Sherif Riad** head of External Relations Sector Bibliotheca Alexandrina, El Shatby, Shop no 4, Alexandria

12pm - 1pm

Guided Tour of Fort Qaitbey  
As Sayalah Sharq Qesm Al Gomrok, Alexandria

2pm

El-Montazah Gardens

5:30pm - 8pm

Action project discussions

8pm

Dinner and Guest Speaker at Metropole Hotel, **Dr. Amany Soliman** (Lecturer at Mediterranean Studies Institute, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University / lecturer of International program of University of London) "Alexandria from establishment to the third millennium"



*Fellows in front of Fort Qaitbey in Alexandria*

Tuesday, May 20

Luxor

**Sanctuary Sun Boat IV**

*Corniche El Nil, LUXOR*

- 7:30am Flight to Luxor
- 12:45pm Arrive Luxor
- 1:30pm Lunch on Sanctuary Sun Boat IV
- 3:00pm Visit Karnak and Luxor Temples



*Fellows visiting Temples in Luxor*

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Wednesday, May 21

Luxor

## Sanctuary Sun Boat IV

*Sailing on Nile*

7pm - 1pm Field trip to multiple sites: Valley of Kings, Valley of Queens, Hatshepsut's Temple

1pm Lunch on board while sailing to Edfu

3pm - 4pm Action Project Discussions

6pm - 7pm **Mr. Akram Allam** Egyptologist and Lecturer  
"A new prospective of ancient Egypt"

7pm Dinner on board. An "Egyptian Night" costume party for all guests, with a chance to dress up in traditional Egyptian "galabeyya", Egyptian food specialties, with oriental music and dancing.



*Fellows dressed in "galabeyya"*

Thursday, May 22

Luxor

**Sanctuary Sun Boat IV**

Sailing on Nile

- 9am - 11am Visit Edfu Temple
- 2pm - 3pm Ms. April Perkins Teacher Trainer at Al-Azhar University's English Language Resource Center  
"English Education in Egypt"
- 3pm - 4pm Action Project Discussions
- 7pm Visit Kom Ombo Temple
- 8:30pm Farewell Gala Dinner



*The Fellows visiting Luxor Temples*

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Friday, May 23

Aswan to Cairo

9am Visit Philae Temple

11am Visit Unfinished Obelisk

3:15pm Fly to Cairo

4:40pm Closing Remarks by **The Foundation Chairman, Mr. Shafik Gabr**  
Group Discussions, Action Projects, Farewells

Saturday, May 24

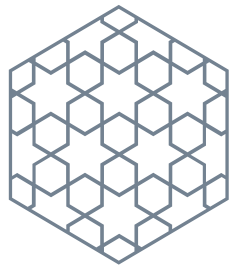
End of program

9:35am Flights back to the U.S.



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## **THE GABR FELLOWSHIP UNITED STATES PROGRAM**

June 7 – June 21, 2014

Washington, D.C. | Atlanta | New York | New Jersey

The Gabr Fellowship Program’s mission is for Americans and Egyptians to bridge the East-West divide. As envisioned by founder Shafik Gabr, the Gabr Fellowship seeks to promote collaborative dialogue between Egyptians and Americans. The mission states: “In an increasingly interconnected world, cross-cultural understanding and professional networks are essential for peace and progress.” The US program will advance “peace and progress” by connecting the Fellows through a multidisciplinary, entrepreneurial approach to human endeavors in the fields of art, science, media, law, and entrepreneurship. The program provided the 20 Egyptian and American Fellows the opportunity to meet with leading American figures in policymaking, civic engagement, communications, business, and visionaries from the arts and academia.

The young leaders participating in the program are shaping their countries’ futures, forging their alliances, creating their businesses, and setting their roles on the global stage. The program in Egypt provided the Gabr Fellows with a hands-on, in-depth exploration of Egyptian history, culture, politics, and enterprise in a framework of candid challenges and opportunities.

The American program complemented this initiative, enhancing the Fellows’ understanding of America’s diverse cultures. It highlighted what has shaped the American experience, and the institutions that America, as a nation and a people, have created to represent—artistically, politically, economically, and socially—its citizens.

American leaders in the world of politics, government, art, science, law, entrepreneurship, media and much more engaged with the Fellows to explore America, its present and future.

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## Saturday, June 7 Washington, D.C.

Arrival in Washington, D.C. and commencement of the American program.  
**Welcome to the U.S. Capital**

**8:15 - 10:30pm** Welcome and Dinner with **Dr. Quintan Wiktorowicz**  
*Washington, DC, Government, and Collaboration*  
Conversation with Dr. Quintan Wiktorowicz, former Senior White House Official and  
Managing Partner of Affinis Global



*Dr. Quintan Wiktorowicz with the Fellows at the White House*

## Sunday, June 8 Washington, D.C.

Sunday at the Smithsonian and National Mall

- 9am - 12:30pm Visit to Smithsonian Museums and National Mall
- 12:45 - 2pm Fellows picnic on the Mall
- 2 - 3:30pm Visit to the Newseum
- 4:30 - 6pm Meeting with **Mr. Shafik Gabr**, Foundation Chairman Ambassador **Sallama Shaker**, and **Quintan Wiktorowicz**, Managing Partner of Affinis Global
- 7 - 10pm D.C. Monuments Moonlight Trolley Tour



*Jeremiah J. Bowden and Ahmed EL-Assal on D.C. Monuments Moonlight Trolley Tour*

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Monday, June 9

Washington, D.C.

8:30am **Breakfast at NDU**

9:15am Commence tour of NDU campus with **Cathleen Pearl**, President and CEO, NDU Foundation and **Susan Lemke**, Director of Library Special Collections

9:45 - 11:15am National Security in a Globalized World  
Roundtable with NDU leaders/experts (**Elizabeth Richard**, **General Tom Cosentino**, **Admiral Mohammad Abdul Aziz**, **Ambassador James Larocco**)

11:15 - 12:10pm **Lunch at NDU**

1 - 2:30pm Protecting Civil Liberties and Civil Rights in the Context of Counter-Terrorism  
**David D. Gersten**, Director of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Programs, Department of Homeland Security and **Kareem Shora**, Section Director for Community Engagement, Department of Homeland Security

3 - 4pm Journalism in these Challenging Times  
**Thomas L Friedman**, The New York Times

6:30 - 9pm Poetry as Dialogue for Social Impact  
Poetry slam at Busboys & Poets, Washington, DC  
(Four Fellows performed poetry readings)



*Fellows with Thomas Friedman*

## Tuesday, June 10 Washington, D.C.

- 8:30 - 9:30am** Geopolitics in 2014 and Beyond  
Roundtable with **Juan Zarate**, Senior Advisor, Transnational Threats Project and Homeland Security and Counterterrorism Program, **Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**, **Richard O'Neill**, The Highlands Group, and **Brian Katulis**, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
- 10 - 11am** USAID in the Middle East  
**Ms. Alina Romanowski**, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Middle East Bureau, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- 11:30am - 1pm** LUNCH with Dr. James Zogby, President, Arab American Institute
- 1:30 - 2:30pm** The **IMF** in a Changing World  
**Masood Ahmed**, Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department, International Monetary Fund
- 3 - 4pm** **The World Bank** in the Middle East and Africa: Challenges and Opportunities  
**Mrs. Ingrid Andersen**, Vice President, Regional Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa, **Karim Wissa**, Director of Egypt, The World Bank
- 4:30 - 5:30pm** Architecture and Social Consciousness  
**Leo Daly**, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer of the architecture firm Leo A Daly, **Steven Wright** and **Bill Baxley**.
- 6:30 - 11:15pm** **The Meridian International Center Awards Dinner**  
2014 Global Citizen Award- **Chairman, Mr. Shafik Gabr**



*The Fellows with Foundation Chairman, Mr. Shafik Gabr and Ambassador Sallama Shaker*

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Wednesday, June 11

Washington, D.C.

- 8:30 - 9am Senate Foreign Relations Committee  
**Dana Stroul**, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Staff (D)  
**Michael Gallagher**, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Staff (R)
- 9:30 - 10:15am From local to Global  
**Congressman Keith Ellison staff**
- 10:50 - 11:15am Insights on Government Oversight  
**Congressman Darrell Issa**
- 11:30am - 12pm Constituencies and a Changing Congress  
**Congressman Nick Rahall, II**
- 1:15 - 2:15pm God's Politics: Faith in American Public Life  
**Reverend Jim Wallis**, President and Founder, Sojourner's  
Editor-in-Chief, Sojourner's Magazine
- 3:15 - 4:45pm National Security Policy  
**The White House**: National Security Council
- 4:45 - 6:15pm Catalyzing Innovation  
**The White House**: Office of Science and Technology Policy, Office of Social  
Innovation and Civic Participation
- 6:45 - 8:30pm The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security  
**Dinner with The Atlantic Council**: **Mathew Burrows** Director of the Atlantic  
Council's Strategic Foresight Initiative), **Ambassador Richard LeBaron** (Senior  
Fellow with the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East), **Josh Meservey** (Assistant  
Director of the Africa Center), **Lara Talverdian** (Assistant Director in the Rafik Hariri  
Center for the Middle East), and **Jason Thelen** (Associate Director of the Cyber  
Statecraft Initiative)



*Fellows with Congressman Nick Rahall*

Thursday, June 12  
Washington, D.C.

- 8:45 - 9:45am Public Diplomacy and Communications as Soft Power **James Glassman**, Chairman and CEO of Public Affairs Engagement, Founding Executive Director of the George W. Bush Institute, and former Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy at the Department of State
- 10 - 11:30am Communicating across National and Cultural Divides **Dr. Aaron Lobel**, Founder and President of America Abroad Media, **Greta Ghacibeh**, Program Director, MENA
- 12:30 - 1:30pm The Future of U.S. Military Operations in the Middle East **Major General Michael T. Plehn**, USAF, Principal Director, Middle East Policy, **Department of Defense, Pentagon**
- 2:15 - 3:15pm Prospects for Israeli-Palestinian Peace **Hady Amr**, Senior Advisor, Office of the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations U.S. Department of State, and former Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Middle East at the United States Agency for International Development (**USAID**).
- 4:30 - 5:30pm Innovation and the Start-Up Culture  
**Visit the 1776 Start-Up Incubator**
- 6 - 8pm **Reception in honor of the Gabr Fellows at the residence of Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Tawfik.**



Mr. Hady Amr



Reception at the home of Egyptian Ambassador Mohamed Tawfik- with Ambassador Tawfik, Chairman Gabr, Ambassador Shaker, Mrs. Gigi Gabr, and Malak Gabr

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## Friday, June 13

Washington, D.C.

- 9 - 10am Middle East Policy in a Rapidly Changing Environment  
Roundtable at the Middle East Institute with **Wendy Chamberlin**, President and **Steve Simon**, Senior Fellow at the Middle East Institute and former Senior Director for the Middle East at the National Security Council
- 10:30 - 11:30am The RAC's Impact from Yesterday to Tomorrow  
**Rachel Laser**, Deputy Director, Religious Action Center
- 12 - 1:30pm **Self-Guided Tour at the Supreme Court, Lunch or prayers at The Islamic Center**
- 2 - 3pm Innovation in International Development  
Ahmed Amer, Investment Coordinator at Mercy Corps and Washington, DC Lead for Mercy Corps Egypt
- 3:30pm **Tour of Library of Congress and Jefferson Building**  
**Dr. Mary-Jane Deeb**, Chief of African and Middle Eastern Division, Nawal Kavar, Senior Reference Librarian, African Middle East Division
- 6pm **Action Projects Retreat commences at Holiday Inn-Georgetown-Dinner**

## Saturday, June 14

Washington, D.C. and Atlanta GA

- 12 - 2pm **Cynthia Traeger**, CEO, Pacific Siren International LLC and President, VSI **Pacific**  
**Natalie Foley**, Vice President and COO, Peer Insight
- 3 - 4:30pm Conversations with **Chairman, Mr. Shafik Gabr**
- Depart for Atlanta, GA**



## Sunday, June 15 Atlanta, GA

9am - 12pm Church Life in America  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
**Sunday service**

1 - 5pm The Struggle for Freedom in America **Visit to Martin Luther King, Jr. National Park and Civil Rights Sites**

6 - 8:30pm Leveraging and Engaging the Media to Support Action Projects  
**Dinner discussion with Maria Ebrahimji, Journalist, Strategist, and Speaker**



*Jeremiah Bowden and Shehab Farouk at Ebenezer Baptist Church*



*Jeremiah Bowden with the last surviving Tuskegee Airman in Georgia*

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Monday, June 16

Atlanta GA

9:30 - 11:45am **VIP tour, World of Coca-Cola**

12 - 1:45pm Creating Trust, Branding, and Working with Communities  
Coca Cola meetings with **Michael Goltzman**; Vice President, International Government Relations and Public Affairs, Coca-Cola and Helen Price, Executive Director, The Coca-Cola Foundation

2:30 - 3pm Municipal Politics and a Mayor's role  
**The Honorable Mayor Kasim Reed, Mayor of Atlanta**

4 - 6pm The Responsibility of Truth in Reporting  
**CNN International with Rick Davis and team**

**Fly to New York City**



*Fellows at Coca-Cola, HQ, Atlanta*

Tuesday, June 17  
New York City

- 9:30 - 10:30am The Impact of 9/11 on America  
**Visit 9/11 Memorial**
- 11am - 12:45pm **Boat tour of Statue of Liberty, Lunch**
- 3 - 3:45pm Global Affairs in a Complex World  
**Richard Haass**, President, Council on Foreign Relations
- 7pm Center on Religion, Culture, and Conflict  
**Dr. Jonathan Golden**, Drew University, Madison, NJ  
**Chris Taylor**, Dean, College of Liberal Arts  
Special Guests
- Dinner at Drew University**



*Dr. Richard Haass*



*The Fellows at Drew University with Dr. Golden and Dean Taylor*

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Wednesday, June 18

New York City

- 9 - 10am                   **Tour Empire State Building**
- 11am - 12pm               **Protecting Creativity in an Interconnected World**  
**Lucinda Longcroft, Head of the World Intellectual Property Organization**
- 1 - 2:30pm                 **New Media in a Dynamic World**  
Meeting with Huffington Post~ **Mr. Danny Shea, Senior Editor,**  
**Huffington Post Offices**
- 3 - 5pm                     **Justice in America and Beyond**  
FOX NEWS tour and Lunch meeting with **Judge Jeanine Pirro**



*Fellows in meeting with Judge Jeanine Pirro at FOX News*

## Thursday, June 19

### New York City

9:30 - 11am

Advancing National Security While Upholding the Constitution in a Post-9/11 World **Mr. Amos Toh**, Katz Fellow, Liberty and National Security Program, **Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law**

11:30am - 12:30pm

Art as Philosophical Expression  
**Holland Cotter**, New York Times Art Critic

2-4pm

Leveraging Technology to Support Action Projects  
**Meeting with Jared Cohen**, Founder and Director of Google Ideas, Deputy Director **Scott Carpenter**, and workshop with Google engineers and managers

4:30-6pm

The Arts, Philanthropy, and Social Impact  
**Tour of Carnegie Hall** and meeting with **Sir Clive Gillingson**, Executive and Artistic Director of Carnegie Hall

7-10:30pm

An American Pastime  
**New York Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays- Baseball Game**



*Fellows at Yankee baseball game, New York*

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## Friday, June 20 New York City

- 9:30 - 10:30am** Religion and Public Policy Advocacy  
**Robert Kesten**, Executive Vice President of the American Jewish Congress
- 11am - 12:30pm** **Tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral, dialogue with Father Robert Bubel**
- 12:30 - 1:30pm** Intelligence in Keeping the Peace  
**John Miller**, Deputy Commissioner of Intelligence & Counter-Terrorism, **NYPD**, **Deputy Chief Scott Loos**, Executive Officer, Community Affairs Bureau, **Rebecca Weiner**, Director of Intelligence Analysis
- 2:30 - 4pm** **Sigmar Polke and Emily Jacir Exhibitions**  
**Magnus Shaefer and Sarah Lookofsky, MoMA (Museum of Modern Art)**
- 4:30 - 5:30pm** Internationalism in the 21st Century  
Meeting with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations;  
**Ambassador Tariq Al-Ansari and Nihal Saad**  
**The Chrysler Building**
- 7:30 - 11pm** **Dinner and Broadway show - Les Miserables at the Imperial Theatre**



*U.S. Farewell with Chairman Gabr*

Saturday, June 21  
New York City

- 11am - 12pm **Metropolitan Museum of Art tour**  
**Diana Patch**, Curator-in-Charge of Egyptian Art
- 12:15 - 1pm **Cleopatra's Needle tour with Mr. Chris Nolan and Ms. Marie Warsh**
- 2:30pm **Shopping and free time until departures**

**Fellows travel home.**



*The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York*

# 2014 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



*The Gabr Fellows during a tour of Egypt's historical sites in Luxor*



*The Gabr Fellows with Leo Daly III, Washington D.C.*



# 2014 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



*The Gabr Fellows at the Capitol, Washington D.C.*



*Defense Minister Sedki Sobhi with the Fellows at the Ministry of Defense, Cairo.*

# 2014 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



*The Gabr Fellows in a team building session.*



*The Gabr Fellows in meeting with Foundation Chairman, Mr. Shafik Gabr*

# 2014 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



*The Gabr Fellows at CNN , New York City*



*Dina Gamal, Ahmed El-Assal and Stephanie Cate at Google*

# 2014 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



*Fellows with Senate Foreign Relations Staff*



*Chase Bowman, Jeremiah Bowden, Ahmed El-Assal and Erika Witt in Congress*

# 2014 Gabr Fellows - Photo Gallery



*Fellows at Busboys and Poets*



*The Fellows in meeting with President, Dr. James Zogby at Arab American Institute*

# Impressions from the 2014 Gabr Fellows



**Yasmin Galal**  
Social Activist & Media Producer

The U.S. part of the fellowship was quite exciting, we got to see different sides of the United States, from the politically-centered D.C., to the hub of the civil rights movement in Atlanta, to the diverse and culturally vibrant New York. This diversity was also reflected in the speakers, from senators, to journalists, to Google ideas generators, to art curators at the MoMA and the Met. I challenged myself on many fronts and tried to keep my mind open to new ideas. I learned to accept people who hold different opinions than mine, and disagree with them with respect. All in all, it was a rich experience both on the personal and professional levels.



**Jeremiah J. Bowden**  
PhD student in Secular Studies and Religion, Claremont Graduate University

“The plight of the poor in Cairo moves even the coldest of hearts to a position of sympathy and solidarity. As I look down upon the slums, which literally lie in the shadow of the beautiful hotel where I am staying, I cannot help but to see it as a breeding ground for resentment and eventual conflict. This rises the question of what ought to be done to address the extreme disparity that exists between the rich and poor, not only in Cairo, but also across the globe. The United States has largely made its poorest population invisible, perhaps it is better to be reminded that the poor are among us always and that we have a responsibility to care for them. Surely, the first step in rectifying their situation is by being confronted with our own positions of privilege and remembering our duties to the least among us, which will be the only way we will be led to act.”



**Dina Gamal**  
Corporate Lawyer, Azmi & Associates

In the beginning I wondered what am I doing in this program and the answer was definitely I do not belong here. Everything was just different and brand new, however it did not take too much time for me to realize that I’m so lucky to be one of the 2014 Fellows. These programs give me the chance to explore both the American and the Egyptian people. Egypt is my own country but I didn’t get the chance before to know how great it is, and I was so happy to share this experience with my American friends. I can call it a lifetime experience, a very inspiring one that I do not want it to end. I can’t wait to discover the other part of the journey the American part.

# Impressions from the 2014 Gabr Fellows



**Chase Bowman**

Artist

To to gain perspective, we must be willing to place ourselves in situations that challenge us. During the Gabr Fellowship in Egypt, I was challenged to experience the unknown in a culture with which I had no experience. In the United States, I was challenged to rethink what I thought I knew about my own culture. In both locations, I found that my preconceived notions about Egypt, the United States, and myself were turned upside down and I was forced to investigate not only the truth of those beliefs, but the source of them. The necessity of removing ourselves from familiar surroundings to better understand our place in our own lives, though sometimes uncomfortable, brings with it the reward of strength of purpose to create a more complete, truthful, and compassionate picture of the world in which we live and of those who share it with us.



**Nancy Habib**

Editor Secretary, "Al-Tahrir" newspaper

The program was really interesting. It was amazing to meet all the fellows and get closer to each other despite of all the differences in backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives.

My best time was in Al-Azhar Park where the American fellows saw and contacted with Egyptian society for the first time.



**Nathan Thomas**

Educational Programs Associate, William J. Clinton Foundation

The first leg of the Gabr Fellowship in Cairo was the most challenging and rewarding experience I've had while traveling abroad. The days are grueling, sometimes with sixteen hours of lectures, but it is an experience that is tremendously rewarding. From day one, I gained a thorough glimpse into the issues that are facing the future of the Egyptian society, and by the end of the week the mosaic of Egypt was comprehensive. Our group of fellows is growing stronger and more critical each day, and I'm proud to be a part of a cohort that will have a positive impact on the future of Egypt.

# Impressions from the 2014 Gabr Fellows



## Suzanne Youngner

Teacher, English as a Second Language

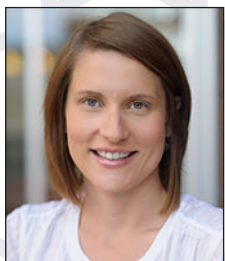
I will always remember the service we attended on Father's Day at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. For me, this was a quintessential example of east-west exchange. All of the Fellows, regardless of personal beliefs, wholeheartedly embraced the experience, openly connecting with one another and the congregation as a whole. It is a morning that I will cherish and keep with me.



## Ahmed EL-Assal

Regional Programs Officer at the Academy for International Development - (AID-ME)

"The Gabr fellowship is an interesting experience and an eye opener on many aspects not only in the American Culture but also in the Egyptian Culture. Though, I have lived all my life in Egypt, I discovered that I am not aware of some aspects in the Egyptian culture. At the beginning of the fellowship, I thought the Egyptian participants and the American participants were going to be counterparts. On the other hand: by the end of the fellowship, I discovered that all of us were partners facing similar challenges and sharing the same dreams."



## Sarah Derdowski

Director of Operations, Global Energy Management Program University of Colorado Denver Business School

"I am very much looking forward to the continued dialogue, discussing misperceptions, differences and similarities. This exchange on the people to people level is critical to support Egypt to take the next step. Emphasis from all of the speakers and economic analysis is on the youth. They helped create these revolutions, and they will be the ones to take Egypt into the next generation. I am pleased to know some of those leaders now!"



## Zeyad El-Kelani

Political Science Teaching Assistant at Cairo University

Throughout my life, I grew up in Alexandria carrying the principles of Cosmopolitanism. The Gabr Fellowship for me so far has been the lively definition of multicultural understanding that I aspire to see around the world. Going through lectures, seminars, workshops, and activities along with my Egyptians and American colleagues, I feel my cultural understanding is broadening and my life being further developed.



# Impressions from the 2014 Gabr Fellows



## Stephanie Cate

Executive Director, The Batonga Foundation

I was born in Atlanta and have lived and worked in New York and D.C. for six years now. Having my Egyptian colleagues in town was like seeing my cities through new eyes. Experiencing meetings and tours through the fellows' diverse viewpoints was inspiring and has helped me to expand my own frame of reference and to see my world with a more balanced and better-informed perspective.



## Ahmed Naguib

Digital Painter, Freelancer

To paint an awesome artwork you need to use a variety of colors that can strengthen each other to form the final image. My trip to the U.S. is considered to be the other colors that complement my artwork, which has delivered to me the understanding of the culture bridge structure, in addition to the inspired innovation that I have gained from the art, technology, and museums. I am looking forward to placing at least one brick as participation to build the Egypt - U.S. relationship and Cooperation Bridge.



## Erika Witt

Graduate Student, Museum Studies  
Southern University at New Orleans

Never in my life would I have imagined someone selecting me to embark on an adventure with 19 stellar American and Egyptian individuals in regards to repairing the relations between the United States and Egypt. I am still pinching myself to verify that this experience is real and thanking my ancestors and the people who made this life changing experience possible for me and made a life goal/passion for me possible. I wouldn't have imagined at a younger age that not only would I be talking to professionals in my field of expertise but also speaking with dignitaries, ambassadors, CEOs, teachers, etc., on topics that will give me the tools to be a true global citizen and prepped to make this world a better place to raise the next generation in. The 2014 East- West: Art of Dialogue initiative has been a blessing in my life that not only opened up a world of possibilities in a time where my dreams seemed to be unachievable but I also made connections and lifelong friendships with some of the most amazing people in the world.

# Impressions from the 2014 Foundation Ambassadors



## Mohammed Mubarak

Design Manager – Tenders Consulting

Being part of the fellowship once again is a surreal experience. There are seldom chances in life when one can have a truly life changing opportunity, and the fellowship is no less than that. Therefore, it has been a privilege to me to participate again in the second class of the fellowship, as a mentor to the new fellows. Getting to make new friendships, engaging with the fellows in intellectual discussions, meetings with public figures, understanding the cultural differences and similarities between the two countries, all became essential parts of my life that I doubt I can give away. I am truly proud to continue to be part of this program, and I am also proud of the new group of thoughtful, committed fellows who have the desire to create a world of peace and common understanding.



## Daniel (Dan) Sullivan

Regional Representative

United Nations Association Steering Committee

The Shafik Gabr Fellowship has thus far been the experience of a lifetime. Not only are we provided with ample opportunities to visit world heritage sites and speak to dignitaries on almost every issue involving Egyptian society but the fellows also get to foster life long connections and friendships with one another. Our connections will positively affect our personal lives as well as give us the opportunity to spread the positivity of our experiences to make our countries or even the world a better place. I am truly fortunate to share this experience thus far with 19 of my colleagues and now closest friends.

# 2015 Fellowship Application

The Gabr Fellowship brings together young professionals from across the Arab world and the United States to meet with world-renowned public figures, to explore transnational challenges faced by their societies and to gain an introduction to Middle East and American societies, traditions, politics, business, governance, art, law, media, customs and religion. The Gabr Fellows are required to develop collaborative action projects to address one or more of the issues discussed relating to art, science, media, law or entrepreneurship.

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